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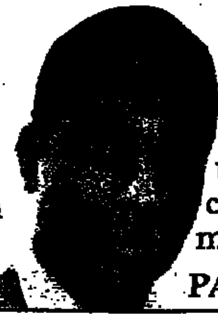

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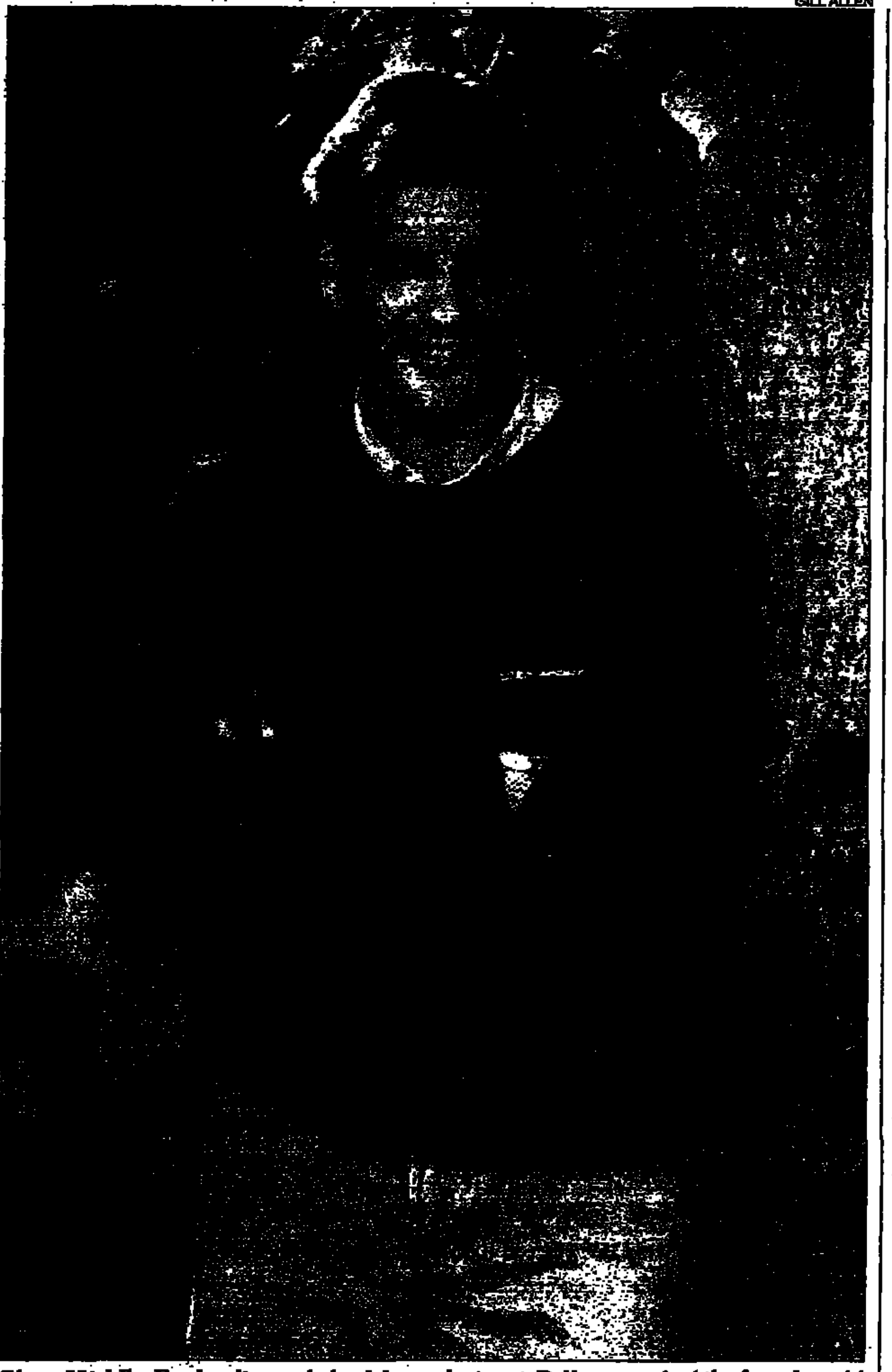
FA seeks explanation for brutality

Rome police accused of over-reacting

By Richard Duce in Rome



GILL ALLEN

Glenn Hoddle, England's coach, back home in Ascot. Police provoked the fans, he said

INQUIRIES were under way last night into how an expensive and long-planned police operation to control crowds at the Italy v England World Cup qualifying game degenerated into the weekend's violent shambles in Rome.

The Football Association yesterday began its own inquiry, determined to prevent trouble for English fans at next summer's World Cup in France. Both the Government and the FA are demanding explanations from the Italian authorities for the behaviour of police in Rome towards England's travelling band of 9,000 supporters.

England fans still in Rome yesterday and those returning home complained bitterly about the ferocity of police baton charges during the game as well as a decision to keep 2,000 of them inside the stadium for three hours after the match.

The insistence of returning supporters that they were not to blame was backed last night by politicians and football authorities. Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, said that Italian police had provoked some of the trouble.

The FA have already been in contact with FIFA, the game's governing body, to exonerate England supporters and to urge new security talks ahead of next summer's World Cup when 30,000 English fans are expected to travel to France. Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, said: "We must make sure England fans are never treated like this again." He added that the FA could not be held responsible for mistakes made by the Italians, who had 6,000 police inside and outside the Stadio Olimpico.

Police charge English fans at the Rome game

Football authorities will also want to ensure that Saturday night's trouble will not jeopardise England's bid to host the World Cup in 2006.

Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, who was in Rome for the match, backed an inquiry. The British embassy in the Italian capital expressed its concern about the policing of the game — which ended 0-0 and ensured England's qualification for next year's World Cup.

David Mellor, head of the British Government's Football Task Force, described the behaviour of the police as outrageous, saying: "The Italians should be ashamed of themselves." He added that Rome's Chief of Police had totally misled an English delegation by saying supporters would be treated fairly and decently.

An FA inquiry will centre on how tickets for Italian sections of the ground were sold to England supporters on the day of the match, and how others walked into the ground unchecked.

One supporter, David Walker, 30, a teacher from Stafford, said: "The whole organisation was a complete shambles. England fans with tickets for the away end were being sent to the Italian section of the ground. No one seemed to be checking tickets, mine wasn't even stamped — I could have had a ticket to the moon and still have got in."

Other supporters described being moved from their designated areas to an Italian section. It was there that trouble flared within moments of the kick off. Coins and drink cans were hurled back and forth across police lines.

Last night Italian police tried to shift some of the blame for the Rome policing operation on to British police. Rino Monaco, Rome's Chief of Police, said that he had been led to believe from English intelligence that 8,000 to 9,000 fans would descend on Rome but he believed the number was nearer 16,000, and many had been able to buy tickets. He said that enormous efforts had been made to treat English supporters fairly, but basic force had been needed against troublemakers.

Earlier Antonio del Greco, director of police operations in Rome, had conceded yesterday that there had been mistakes in organising the match, but he said the baton charges were justified.

Despite the intensity of the sporadic baton charges there was only one serious injury — to an Italian policeman, who was treated for concussion when he was hit by a seat ripped from its fixing.

Official England supporters clubs will today ask fans caught up in the violence to use special telephone lines to detail the police behaviour.

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Defence and trade budgets must bail out crisis-hit NHS

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

TWO Whitehall ministries have been told to find hundreds of millions of pounds in savings to stave off a winter hospital crisis in the NHS.

The announcement of the emergency funding, ordered by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will be made by the Treasury within the next week. The final figure has not been calculated, but it is between £200 million and £300 million.

The move is designed to stop any more ward closures, prevent waiting lists going out of control and to avoid scenes similar to those that haunted the last Government: the sick sleeping on trolleys awaiting treatment.

The Ministry of Defence, which overspent its budget by £170 million last year, and the Department of Trade and Industry will have to find the money from their budgets. Extra money from the European Union will also be diverted to the NHS.

Only last month George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, said that his department's £20 billion was stretched to the limit. In the Budget, the Chancellor said that he would raid the contingency reserve to provide £1 billion in extra funding for the health service next year. But the emergency payment is in response to warnings of serious problems in hospitals this winter. Rising health authority debts have threatened widespread bed closures and the cancellation of thousands of operations.

Christine Hancock, General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, welcomed the cash injection. She said: "This is a significantly useful contribution. Of course we would have liked more, but with good targeting and co-ordination this should really help this winter."

James Johnson, chairman of the British Medical Association consultants' committee, said that the extra funding had to be made available quickly if problems were to be avoided over the winter.

He said that extra beds had to be opened now to ensure that hospitals could cope with emergency admissions, which always rose over the winter. "I earnestly hope the extra money can be released to the NHS now so that some wards that have been mothballed can be reopened and additional staff recruited."

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, said that the move was a U-turn that should have been announced to Parliament. "It is a result of the Labour Government's own actions, which are increasing NHS costs and burdens so that spending plans will no longer provide so much patient care." Sir George Young, Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "The Defence Secretary must now spell out exactly how these new cuts in the budget will be met."

Alistair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, denied that the Defence Ministry's frontline capability would be affected. "I am making it clear to George Robertson and to all my colleagues that they have got to ensure their departments are run efficiently."

The Defence Ministry said that when Mr Robertson said his budget was stretched to the limit, he was aware that the Chancellor was about to raid his resources.

Blair to meet Adams today

Tony Blair will today become the first British Prime Minister to meet an Irish republican leader in 76 years when he comes face to face with Gerry Adams behind closed doors.

In an interview with *The Times* Mr Adams has spoken of Mr Blair's "caring vision" .... Page 4

EU approval

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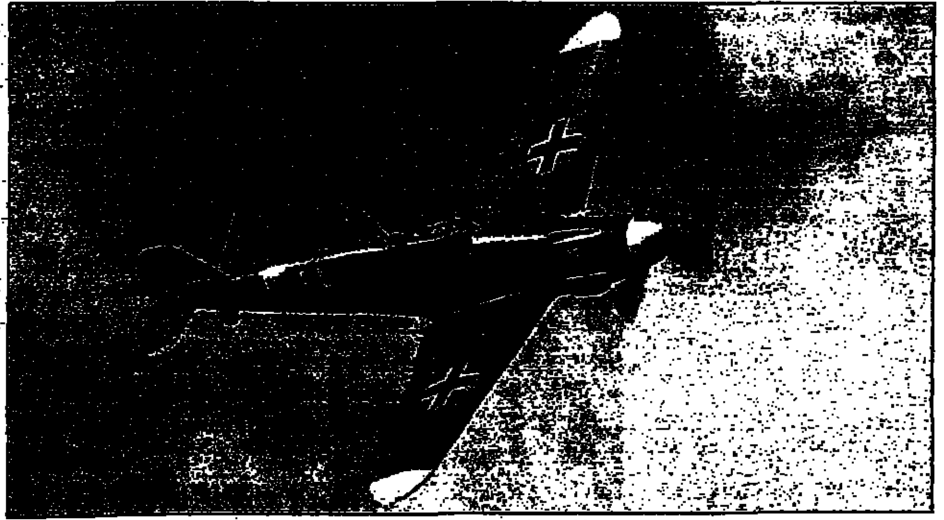

The Messerschmitt 109 fighter which crash landed after developing engine trouble

Air show Messerschmitt crash lands near M11

By Des Burkinshaw and John Shaw

THE last flying Messerschmitt 109 fighter crashed in a field during an air show yesterday on what was already expected to have been its last flight.

The plane ended up upside down close to the M11 near the Duxford Imperial War Museum, Cambridgeshire, where it had been one of the star attractions at the Autumn Air Show. The pilot, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison, was unhurt.

He managed to clear the motorway but then overshot the airstrip. As it touched down in a field, the Messerschmitt flipped on to its back, leaving Sir John dangling by his harness. He stayed in the plane until it was righted by a crane, rather than being cut out by firemen, to save further damage to the fuselage.

Sir John, 54, was said to have flown the Messerschmitt "countless times" before. The deputy Commander-in-Chief of RAF Strike Command from 1994-96, he has since held the post of Air Member for Logistics and Air Officer Commander-in-Chief Logistics Command. He was knighted in 1995 and is a keen restorer of vintage cars and aircraft.

The plane was owned by the Ministry of Defence and worth an estimated £1 million. Its future was to have been reviewed this week after concerns were raised about its airworthiness.

Frank Crosby, marketing manager at Duxford, said: "The aircraft appeared to be coming into land when it developed an engine problem. The pilot decided to do an emergency landing and came down in a field."

Mark Nicholls, an archivist with *Flypast* magazine, said: "As he was coming in it was trailing thin blue smoke. By the time he came to land, the engine seemed to be dead and it looked as though he was trying to glide it."

The event, which also featured five Spitfires, was attended by Lady Bader, widow of Group Captain Douglas Bader who was stationed at the airfield during the Battle of Britain in 1940.

The Messerschmitt Bf 109G, known as a Gustav, was built in 1942 and became a popular attraction at air shows. Experts who worked on it believed it was about to be grounded and put on display at the RAF Museum, Hendon, North London.

It saw action in the Western Desert before being captured by Australians and put into storage. After being spotted in 1972 and restored, it flew again in 1991.

£20m fund will speed dismissal of bad teachers

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

A FUND of nearly £20 million is being prepared by the Government to help schools to speed up the sacking of the country's worst teachers, *The Times* has learnt.

Ministers plan to offer the money to head teachers so that they can remove incompetent staff from the classroom and hire temporary teachers to take their place.

Stephen Byers, the Schools Standards Minister, believes the fund will encourage schools to make proper use of the proposed "fast-track" dismissal procedures, agreed by employers and unions earlier this month.

Under this process, the worst teachers will be given a month to improve after being identified as incompetent. If they fail to do so, they will be given notice, which could be anything up to three months. The government fund will enable heads to bring in supply teachers straight away so sacked staff do not have to work the notice, in effect speeding dismissal.

Mr Byers believes £17 million will be needed, based on a projection by the Local Government Association that about 2,000 teachers stand to lose their jobs under the "fast-track" measures. This would cover the £100-a-day cost of 2,000 supply teachers for up to three months each.

Graham Lane, chairman of the National Employers Organisation for School Teachers, said: "The money would be very helpful and would certainly get things moving quickly. I would not be surprised if it meant 2,000 teachers were not teaching by next Easter."

He added: "The vast majority of teachers who are doing a very good job do not want to be working with these teachers. Why should 98 per cent of the profession constantly feel they are being attacked because 2 per cent cannot do a good job?"

The Department for Education and Employment is considering details of the "fast-track" agreement between unions and employers before publishing the final scheme later this year, when the fund is likely to be announced.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that the grading of teachers in Ofsted inspections suggested fewer than 1,000 out of 440,000 were at the lowest competency level.

He added: "One of the ridiculous situations has been that, because of the way school budgets are structured, there is not enough money to dismiss someone and pay them three months pay. You get the nonsense of a teacher identified as not doing a decent job but still doing the job in front of the children. This is not a situation which would exist in commerce or industry."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "Once a teacher has been found to be beyond the pale, it is in everyone's interests that they should not be left to serve out between two and three months' notice."

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Hague to face revolt by MPs over reforms

By Andrew Pierce and Jill Sherman

WILLIAM HAGUE is facing a showdown with senior Tory backbenchers who have launched an attempt to block sweeping reforms, including a vote for grassroot members in leadership contests.

It emerged last night that the shake-up of the party will be far more radical than had been envisaged. Plans are also being considered to change the face of the annual party conference. Mr Hague is being urged to scrap the traditional four-day format and replace it with a two-and-half-day gathering which would end on Saturday.

The move is an attempt to attract younger people and businessmen to conferences. It would have a further benefit of diluting the "blue rinse" image of the annual gathering; the average age of members of Conservative constituency associations is 64. Despite the success of last week's conference, where activists clamoured for a decisive say in leadership contests, a group of influential MPs is determined to scupper Mr Hague's favoured plan of almost halving their say in future elections.

At present only MPs choose the leader but Mr Hague wants to give up to 40 per cent of a proposed new electoral college to activists, peers, and MEPs. Leading figures on the executive of the 1922 Committee, which sets the leadership rules, have privately made clear that they are opposed to such a large loss of influence. One long-serving member said: "A Tory leader must enjoy the confidence of his Parliamentary party or he cannot survive. We will be dangerously close to an area where the membership will have as much say as us."

John Townend, a member of the executive, said: "In principle I am against an electoral college as it is MPs who know the leader, warts and all. But we will have to give something. But I would be opposed to anything more than 20 per cent. If the activists had their way Ted Heath would never have been replaced."

Without the consent of the committee, Mr Hague could be powerless to act and his reform process would be badly damaged. Another member of the committee said: "The 1922 nominated and chose Mr Hague. He is responsible to his electorate. We have never been in this position before but there is nothing the leader can do if we outvote him."

Only last week Sir Archie Hamilton, the chairman of the 1922 Committee, was booed when he told the conference that MPs must decide the leadership. He is prepared for a bruising fight.

But a senior member of the Shadow Cabinet said last night: "The Parliamentary party must move with the times. It will defy the wishes of the party at large at its peril. They must understand that. We hope that Archie understands that."

Michael Colvin, a member of the 1922 executive, supported the reformers. "I have been a party member for almost 40 years. We have moved on to a different generation. We have to change or die. I think the figure will even out at 30 per cent."

Kenneth Clarke ruled out a move to Brussels yesterday and said he would follow Sir Edward Heath's example by remaining on the Tory backbenches. The speculation over his future was fuelled by two EU foreign ministers who said he would be a good candidate for EU President. Mr Clarke insisted he was happy combining his role as a backbench MP with jobs in the City.

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Tories to oppose Greenwich dome

By Andrew Pierce

THE Tory leadership is reconsidering its support for the Millennium Dome because of alarm over rising costs.

With the first of the dozen 300-metre yellow masts due to go up on the Greenwich site in southeast London this week, it emerged that support has evaporated in the Shadow Cabinet.

The widely expected move to reverse the Tory manifesto's support for the project, which was conceived by John Major's Government, would put William Hague at odds with Michael Heseltine.

The former Deputy Prime Minister, who championed the cause in the last Government, has accepted a role as a millennium commissioner from Tony Blair. He was critical of the proposed U-turn yesterday on the £750 million scheme which is being funded from the National Lottery.

But one senior Tory said last night: "On a temperature gauge the degree of enthusiasm for this in the Shadow Cabinet would not get into double figures." Tory MPs want the money to be spent on smaller projects to benefit all regions.

Mr Hague's opposition could be popular with voters as opinion polls show overwhelming doubts about the expense. The strategy would also be designed to put pressure on Peter Mandelson, the minister in charge of the dome, who has been criticised by Labour MPs for pressing ahead with the scheme.

PAUL WHITE/AP

Britain's Simon Chalk embraces his girlfriend before the start of the big race

Rowers set off to tackle challenge of the Atlantic

By Joanna Bale

SIXTY oarsmen set out yesterday on a gruelling two-month boat race across the Atlantic that will test their endurance to the limit.

After emotional farewells to their wives and girlfriends, the men left Tenerife in a flotilla of 30 tiny rowing boats. Ahead of them are 2,900 miles of mountainous seas and howling gales before their destination, Barbados.

Each pair will spend about ten weeks rowing their 23ft vessels while surviving on a diet of reconstituted stews and and high-energy snacks. The rowers will need up to two pints of water every hour and will rely on desalination equipment. The only shelter on the identical boats is a rear cabin about 7ft long and tapering in width from 5ft to 1ft.

Sir Chay Blyth, the Atlantic Rowing Race organiser who completed the crossing with John Ridgway in 1966, said: "The pressure is to keep the boat moving all the time. You have to trust each other to put the same amount of energy into it because it is very easy to think the other chap is not rowing as hard as you.

"The smallest things get on your nerves and you simply cannot afford to have a serious argument in mid-Atlantic."

Jock Wishart, a Surrey public relations officer, held psychological tests on eight potential partners before choosing Duncan Nicoll, a former Commonwealth sculling competitor. He said: "It is absolutely vital to get on with the other person. You spend more time together than you do with your wife."

Railway watchdog to attack leasing of trains

By Arthur Leathley, Transport Correspondent

THE railways watchdog is to mount a fierce attack on the performance of the three companies that make huge profits leasing trains to operators.

John Swift, the rail regulator, is to urge ministers to take urgent action to control the activities of the rolling stock firms which lease 11,000 trains to 25 operators. He is said to be "exasperated" that he is powerless to influence the unregulated rolling stock companies that dominate the railway industry and he is expected to voice his frustration in evidence to MPs later this month.

He has become increasingly annoyed over failures by the leasing companies to meet investment promises and to comply with maintenance contracts.

Ownership of British Rail rolling stock was sold for £1.8 billion in January and February last year to three leasing companies, Angel Trains Contracts, Eversholt Leasing and Porterbrook Leasing. Each of the companies has since made large profits amid widespread complaints within the industry about poor train maintenance and their investment record.

The criticisms have coincided with revelations that hundreds of carriages are lying idle because of disputes between operators and companies over the costs of leases. Up to 700 carriages are reported to be unused at any one time, despite some operators struggling to cope with rising numbers of passengers.

A 7 per cent increase in passengers over the last year has intensified pressure on train operators to provide more timetabled services and longer trains. However, they claim that leasing companies are failing to invest enough in new rolling stock, leaving passengers relying on antiquated and increasingly unreliable trains, many of them more than 30 years old.

Mr Swift is expected to tell MPs that only wider regulation will deliver the improvements privatisation was predicted to bring.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ivy League to improve education proposed

The "impossible dream" of a mass higher education system is destroying traditional universities and degree standards, a former Government education adviser has said.

Anthony O'Hear calls in a pamphlet published by the Centre for Policy Studies for leading universities to form an Ivy League that shuns modular degrees and Tony Blair's aim of increasing student numbers. Professor O'Hear said that reforms proposed by the Dearing Committee on Higher Education were akin to the replacement of grammar schools with comprehensives. He also attacked as unacademic a range of "new" degree subjects, including Animal Care and Caribbean Studies.

Murder suspect faces extradition

Extradition proceedings will begin in Holland today to return a suspect in the murder of the Irish journalist Veronica Guerin to Dublin. Brian Meehan, 32, was arrested in Amsterdam on Friday in an operation planned by Dutch and Irish police. He was held after meeting his girlfriend whom gardai had followed from Dublin. All but three of the principal suspects in Ms Guerin's murder are now in police custody. She was shot while investigating Dublin's criminal underworld.

Mental patients 'have killed 104'

Some 104 people have been killed by mental patients receiving care in the community in under five years, the Zito Trust has estimated. The organisation, which was established after Jonathan Zito was killed by a schizophrenic, says that more than half the killers were not taking their medication at the time. Tonight's *Panorama* examines the issue.

Vaz calls for race quotas

The staffing of government departments should be representative of the ethnic make-up of the population, Keith Vaz, the Labour MP for Leicester East, has said. He is issuing a report today showing that the percentage of Asians in the Civil Service is 2.03 per cent — 1.5 per cent lower than in the population — and that they are mainly in lower grades.

Appeal for more blood donors

The Department of Health has made a nationwide appeal for blood donors because of a shortage that could result in the cancellation of routine operations. The National Blood Authority aims to collect 10,000 units a day, but that fell to 8,000 last Friday. The department blamed people failing to keep appointments because of seasonal illnesses.

Mustard gas to help treat cancer

A chemical with the same base as the deadly gas which killed or maimed thousands of men in the First World War is to be used in a new generation of drugs to treat cancer. Nitrogen mustard will be part of a chemotherapy drug which researchers at the Zeneca pharmaceuticals company hope will destroy tumours with far fewer unpleasant side-effects.

Agency finances defence in British au pair's trial

By Tunku Varadarajan

LOUISE WOODWARD, the British au pair on trial in America accused of murdering an infant in her care, has a high-powered and highly-paid defence team representing her in the Boston courtroom.

Whatever the emotional trauma she is undergoing she has, however, no financial strain to bear at all, and her parents from Elton, near Chester, are not contributing to the estimated £1,000 an hour it costs to pay for her four defence lawyers. The bill is being paid by EF Au Pair, the agency based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, which recruited her and placed her with the family of Matthew Eappen, the nine-month old child she stands accused of shaking to death.

There is also a legal defence fund, ostensibly set up by friends and well-wishers in England. Many in Cambridge believe that this fund, too, has the close backing of the au pair agency. The star on Miss Woodward's team is Barry Scheck, the articulate lawyer from New York whose *curriculum vitae* boasts membership of OJ Simpson's "dream team". A short, mop-haired man, Mr Scheck's tenacious cross-examination of the prosecution's medical witnesses has helped to chip away at the prosecution case.

There is a curious inversion on view in this case. Miss Woodward's callow age and obvious inexperience — added to the bewilderment of being in custody in a foreign country — would normally have secured her the underdog's position. Yet so slick is her legal team, and so high-profile its star, Mr Scheck, that she has gradually come to be seen here as a sort of "overdog".

Scheck: on team for OJ Simpson

According to reliable reports, Mr Scheck is being paid up to £340 per hour. Her local lawyers, Andrew Good, Harvey Silverglate and Elaine Whitfield-Sharp are thought to be getting about £230 per hour. At a conservative estimate, the cost of Miss Woodward's legal defence is likely to amount to nearly £340,000.

By contrast, Gerard Leone, the Deputy First Assistant District Attorney, who is handling the prosecution of Miss Woodward, is believed to earn an annual salary of about £30,000.

There are fears that Mr Scheck's presence on Miss Woodward's team could prove counter-productive. Cambridge is a conservative area, and the jury in Miss Woodward's case is largely middle-class. As one observer said: "They see him out there as the guy who got OJ off. Now, that's a sign that he's clever, no doubt. But you know, most people here weren't too thrilled with the OJ verdict."

Church faces payouts over cruel nuns

By Audrey Magee and Rory Carroll

THE Roman Catholic Church is facing damages totalling millions of pounds from former residents of children's homes who say they were scarred for life after abuse by nuns.

Hundreds of separate civil cases are expected to be lodged against religious orders in Scotland and Ireland alleging sadism and sexual assaults.

A £20,000 out-of-court settlement last week by the Dublin-based Sisters of Mercy, paid to the parents of an 11-month-old girl who died 42 years ago supposedly from dysentry, but in fact suffered severe unexplained burns to her legs, has paved the way for similar actions in Britain, according to lawyers.

Some 130 claims are being made by former residents of Nazareth House childrens' homes in Aberdeen and Cardonald, alleging they were forced to eat their own vomit, had their hands thrust into boiling water and finger nails cut to the quick.

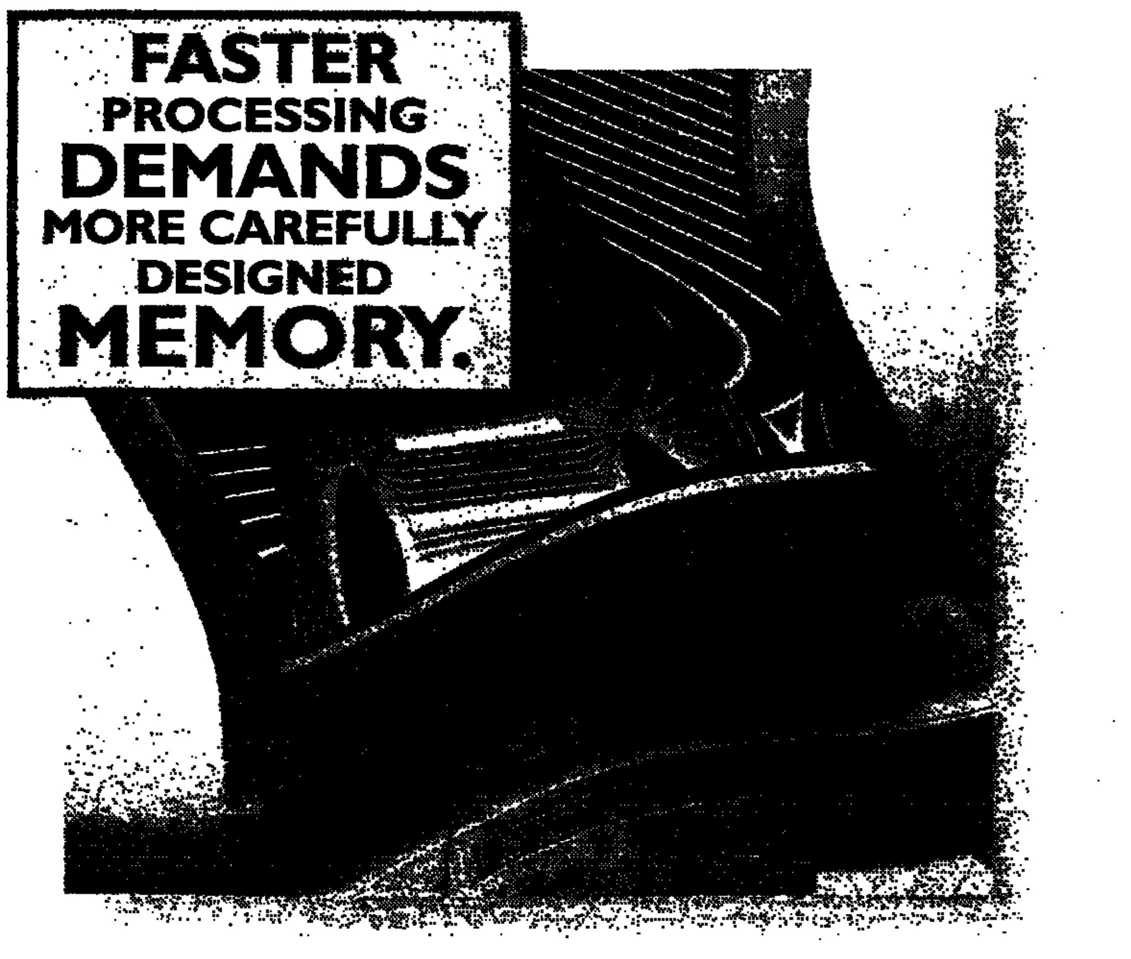
Evidence that psychological suffering persisted into adult life and damaged earnings are expected to push individual claims into tens of thousands of pounds, according to Cameron Fyfe, managing partner at Glasgow-based Ross Harper solicitors, which is representing more than 100 claimants, mostly women.

Detectives from Grampian and Strathclyde police are investigating around 30 complaints, some dating back 40 years, including alleged beatings, starvation and disinfectant burns.

Alun Michael, the Home Office Minister, said the Government was considering new legislation in the Crime and Disorder Bill to improve supervision on all organisations entrusted with the care of young people.

Seven nuns, at least two of whom are still alive, were repeatedly named as serial offenders, as were several lay workers, said Mr Fyfe.

After the settlement in Dublin, the Sisters of Mercy, which denied liability but admitted there were burns, apologised for "any lack of courtesy and compassion".



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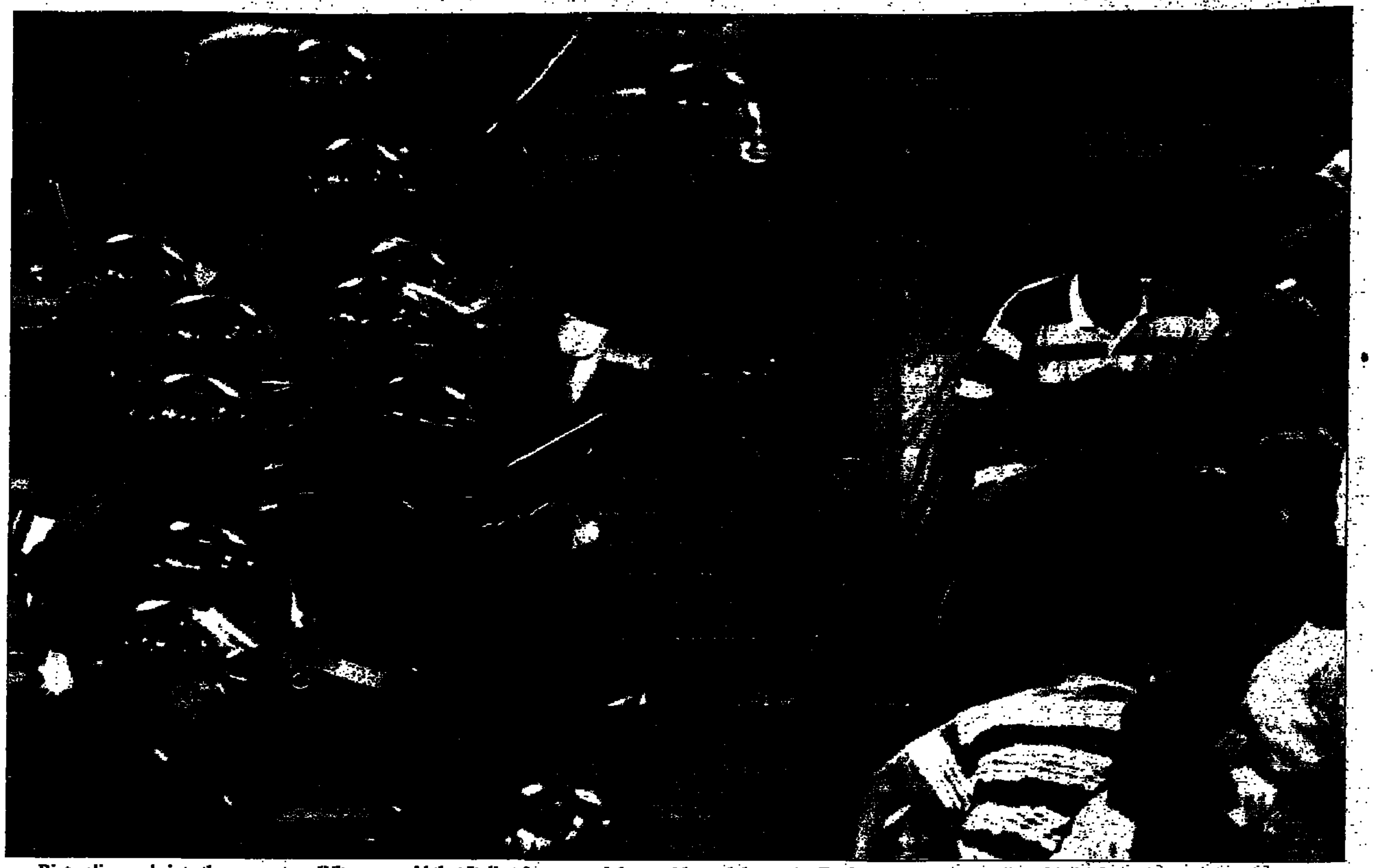
'The police didn't care who they hit'



Riot police wade into the supporters. Witnesses said that Italian fans started the trouble, and that many England fans were penalised for the actions of 30 who responded.

Horrors ruined the glory, say peaceful fans

FROM RICHARD DUCE IN ROME AND DANIEL McGRORY

STRIPPED of possessions, bludgeoned and trapped, England fans from all walks of life had bitter memories of their team's night of glory yesterday. As they limped home, supporters including businessmen, barristers and mothers with children blamed "barbaric behaviour" of riot police for provoking the terrace violence. Some still carried the scars.

Many of the victims were on official tours sponsored by the Football Association, yet said they were treated like "criminals and second-class citizens" throughout their stay.

On a warm Roman night, David Woollard, director of an engineering firm in Lincolnshire, should have been celebrating England's success with friends at a Rome pavement bar. Instead, he became a virtual prisoner of Italian officers, locked at the stadium with thousands of others for three hours. At 3am yesterday, he was part of a forlorn human crocodile as supporters trudged four miles from the stadium under the watchful eye of the police. Mr Woollard, whose trip cost £600, said: "I have been abroad with England before but never been treated as badly as this."

> ‘We tried to get out of the way. There was nowhere to run. It was extremely brutal’

The night began with a shambles for many supporters. There were stories of overzealous searches on women, of fans getting into the ground unchecked, of valuables being confiscated and dumped in heaps with no information on how to recover them.

Rachel Morrel, who now lives in Monaco but originally comes from Dorset, said that an expensive cigarette lighter, a gift from her mother, had been taken: "My ticket bore no relation to where I ended up inside the ground. Then the Italians started throwing things like coins at us"

Deborah Bangay, 39, a barrister from London, said her ticket had not been checked before she entered the ground: "Once inside, we weren't even allowed to go to the toilet and it took hours to be let out. It was total overkill. The police behaviour was indefensible."

David Walker, 30, a teacher from Stafford, said: "The whole organisation was a complete shambles. England fans with tickets were being sent to the Italian section."

Fans said that baton charges by police were provoked after a few fans started to respond to missiles first thrown at them by the Italian supporters. Dean Felling, 27, from Peterborough, said: "The Italian response was outrageous. We were being pelted with coins. When we started giving them some verbal, they just waded into us."

A disabled fan, Bryan Harris, 63, a sales manager for a communications company, said: "The police hit out indiscriminately. They charged us and the guy behind me got knocked down and was hit in the face with a baton. We were shouting for them to stop, but it was relentless."

Mr Harris, of Windlesham, Surrey, who has a club foot following an injury in his youth, said: "People were trying to get out of the way when they parted the crowd, but there was nowhere to go. I was pushed against a fence and my glasses were knocked off."

Jim Tyrrell, 36, a marketing manager from London, said: "It was extremely brutal. The police were clearly terrified and had been wound up to the point where they were treating us as if we were all hooligans. There were 20 to 30 English fans causing trouble and they should have sorted those out."

Katy Mousinho, her husband Gordon, a company director, and sons James, 13, and John, 11, from Amersham, Buckinghamshire, said they had never been so frightened. Mrs Mousinho said: "I feel my human rights have been violated. They were searching everyone and removing things like belts, keys and coins from English fans."

The family were travelling with friends Alistair and Caroline Stewart from Northamptonshire. Mrs Stewart said: "I had bottles of perfume and make-up taken from me. There were families and loads of women, and the police didn't discriminate about who they hit. It was awful." Julie O'Malley, 23, and Daljit Khaira, 27, had paid £450 each and were part of a hospitality treat for workers at the London electronics company CHS. Both women were at their first football match and vowed "Never again."

The Stewarts: said police hit out indiscriminately

Miss O'Malley said: "As we had gone in, we had to take our shoes and socks off to be searched. Then they took all our belts. After we came out, we just had to take any belt off a pile of about 5,000. No one has come back with their own belt. As we were leaving, the police started charging the crowd after they started singing football songs. It was very narrow, and all I could I hear was the sound like a herd of elephants tramping towards me. About 1,000 people came running and I was being trampled. I think I would have died if my friend had not pulled me onto a wall.

Their friend, Paul Sadler, 23, said: "One man had his glasses pushed into his face and he was bleeding from a cut to his head. The paramedics had to push the police out of the way."

Supporters also described what they say were unprovoked attacks by police wielding batons as they were drinking in the city centre. Mark Randell, 33, a chef, from Poole, Dorset, who works in Antibes, France, said: "I was telling the police in Italian to calm down, but they hit me. I was down with my hands over my head but every policeman who went past hit me."

Italy sees a victory for Blair and Spice Girls

*To Italians, their World Cup inadequacy symbolises the success of the British Left and the failure of their own, writes **Richard Owen***

FOR most Italians, Saturday night's World Cup qualifying ing match was not about the behaviour of England's feared football hooligans, or how the Italian police handled them. It was not even about the technicalities of Cesare Maldini's team strategy.

It was a metaphor for Italy's political disarray and its angst as Europe heads for several "dates with destiny", from the single currency to the millennium. Italy fears it is being left behind, while the Britain of Tony Blair forges ahead.

"In both Britain and Italy the Left are in power," *La Repubblica* observed yesterday. "But Blair's Britain is no longer represented by the blackened faces of striking miners: it is vibrant, dynamic, and symbolised by the Spice Girls. The Government of Professor Romano Prodi by contrast is in the grip of earthquakes, apocalyptic predictions and a hot autumn of discontent", a reference to Signor Prodi's offer to resign after the desertion of his Communist parliamentary allies over a welfare-cutting budget designed to help Italy qualify for the single currency.

Hooliganism was not ignored. "They were 700 English barbarians and they caused panic and mayhem," reported *Il Messaggero*. "They looked like bullet-headed Gazzas, shirts undone and stomachs exposed to the air, like creatures from some nightmarish canvas by Francis Bacon. It was an orgy of fist fights, sweat and tears, and they left the city centre looking as if a demolition squad had been through it."

The police were applauded for their "hard work" in dealing with "drunken beasts in full war cry, shouting abuse at all Italians in a hailstorm of broken bottles".

But whereas English hooligans might in the past have been seen as symbols of rampant right-wing nationalism, this time they were viewed as a curiosity irrelevant to the success story of "Blair's Britain". Most newspapers devoted one page at most to the disorder, and four or five pages to the match and its meaning.

The mood in the bars of Rome had been subdued even before the match began, as if a run of bad luck — the earthquakes in Umbria, the threat to Italy's chances of joining the euro — had damaged national self-confidence. I watched the match in a bar with a group of young Italians, and even after they had sunk a good deal of red wine there was only passing excitement when Dino Baggio nearly scored in the second half. The final whistle was greeted with resigned shrugs.

"It is as if Italy is collapsing on all fronts" *La Repubblica* said: "Assisi is falling down, so is the Government, and we can't get into either Europe or the World Cup. We only have the award of the Nobel Prize for Literature to the left-wing dramatist Dario Fo to console us, and even that is seen as offside by many on the Right."

Most of Italy's political leaders were at the match, with the Government represented by Walter Veltroni, whose culture portfolio includes sport. He looked grim. He was perhaps contemplating not only Italy's fading chances of reaching the World Cup, but also his own chances of staying in office.

Britain's Chancellor was among the English contingent. So was Geoffrey Robinson, his Treasury colleague, in whose Tuscany villa the Blairs take summer holidays. *Corriere della Sera* said: "It was a contest between two Lefts. Our team, led by Veltroni, was no match for the team at the Olympic Stadium led by Gordon Brown, Jack Cunningham and Tony Banks."

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Adams plays the democrat and ditches pariah past

The Sinn Fein leader tells **Martin Fletcher** today's talks with Tony Blair are a step to a new relationship in Ireland

TONY BLAIR will today become the first British Prime Minister to meet an Irish republican leader in 76 years when he comes face to face with Gerry Adams behind closed doors at Stormont.

Mr Blair will meet all parties at the peace talks, but his encounter with Mr Adams will complete Sinn Fein's journey from political pariah and is particularly contentious.

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, expressed pity for a Prime Minister who, he said, would meet the head of a terrorist *organisation that had killed so* many British soldiers, policemen and civilians and had still not forsworn violence. Andrew Mackay, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, said Mr Adams had yet to prove his democratic credentials.

Lloyd George called Michael Collins a murderer before meeting the IRA's founder in 1921. Later he called him "one of the most courageous leaders ever produced by a valiant race". Whether Mr Adams can win over Mr Blair remains to be seen, but the Sinn Fein president speaks remarkably warmly of the leader of a nation whose jurisdiction he has violently opposed for three decades.

In an interview with *The Times* Mr Adams spoke of how Mr Blair's "caring vision" had "uplifted" the British people. He commended him for speedily removing "the obstacles to dialogue" that had for so long blocked Sinn Fein's entry into peace talks. *He suggested that the* difference between this Government and the last was like night and day.

❛ We were locked into a low-intensity conflict that was going on for eternity ❜

Mr Adams called today's meeting "a step towards bringing about a new relationship between the people of this island". He "profoundly disagreed" with Mr Blair's post-election assertion that the Union would last a lifetime but hoped that was mere words. Asked what he would tell the Prime Minister he talked of the huge costs — the "scores of thousands of British troops" — involved in defending Northern Ireland and its "system of apartheid" when this Government aspired to champion human rights.

Mr Blair may find, like President Clinton before him, that Mr Adams is disconcertingly *personable. His easy* manner belies his direct or indirect responsibility for so many atrocities. Sitting in a windowless studio in the former mill that houses Sinn Fein's press centre, he spoke softly and politely even when confronted with his image as evil personified. "I don't lose an awful lot of sleep over it," he said.

He offered glimpses of the man behind the politician. He told how he had not walked down the loyalist Shankill Road in nearly three decades though it is near his home and forms part of his West Belfast constituency.

He said he worried about travelling through Protestant East Belfast to reach the *Stormont peace talks. He was* "very mindful" of how leaders elsewhere in the world had been assassinated while trying to make peace, he said, and drily added: "I think we have a responsibility not to be killed."

For the purposes of this interview he presented himself as a model democrat. Martin McGuinness has vowed to "smash" the Union, but Mr Adams claimed that while his goal was a united Ireland "in the shortest period possible" he would listen to the Unionists' case before deciding what was attainable.

He is a master of the evasive or diversionary answer. Asked why Unionists should trust republicans who would not cede weapons, call their ceasefire permanent, or accept the principle of consent, he claimed the Unionists' real distrust was of the British and Irish Governments because they were determined to change the status quo.

Asked if the IRA would return to violence if Sinn Fein *was frustrated at the talks he* insisted the ceasefire was genuine and that "as far as I'm concerned the IRA is out of the equation". He dismissed reports of hardline republican dissent, insisting he could sell any agreement reached.

It was too early to judge what 25 years of republican violence had achieved, he said, because the struggle was still continuing in another form. Mr Adams expressed regret for the human misery caused by the IRA, though he stopped short of an apology. "I have said that I regret very much the suffering and the hurt which republicans have inflicted, that we have no monopoly on suffering but we understand *that we have also inflicted* hurt."

At another point, though, he praised the last two IRA men killed as "the very cream of youth". Ed O'Brien died on a London bus when the bomb he was carrying exploded prematurely. Diarmuid O'Neill, shot by police at a London guest-house, was reportedly planning to blow up the Channel Tunnel's electricity supply. If parts of England suffered similiar oppression *young men there would forcibly* resist, said Mr Adams, but "you are the people who have all the great war heroes, all the Lawrences of Arabia. We only have flawed heroes, us poor Irish".

❛ You have great heroes … We only have flawed heroes, us poor Irish ❜

He said the "war" was never planned but "grew out of conditions and events". He had watched conflicts ending around the world while "here we were locked into a low-intensity conflict that was going to go on for eternity". He personally knew "not two, not three, not five people that have been killed, but hundreds". He insisted Sinn Fein's pursuit of peace was genuine and that sooner or later there would be a democratic settlement.

"Either you think *I* am trying to make it work, or you don't," he said. That is, of course, the great unanswered question.

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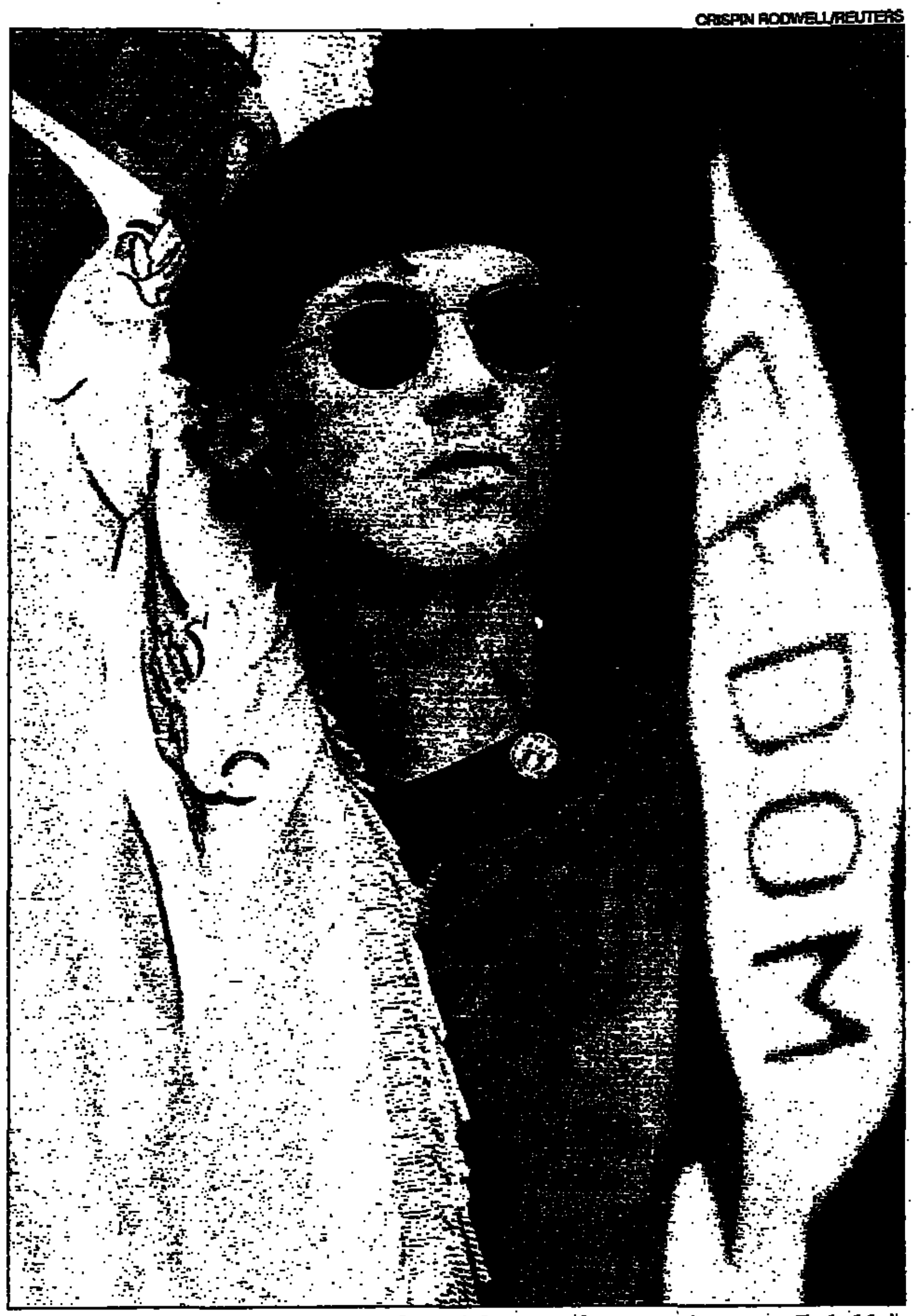

Face of opposition: an Ulster Freedom Fighter stands to attention at a rally held to mark the third anniversary of the loyalist paramilirary ceasefire in Belfast

OBE may be dropped from honours list

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR is looking to New Zealand to provide a model for the reform of the honours system as part of his modernisation programme for the Government and British institutions.

If he follows its example, the Order of the British Empire, the main award given to British subjects since 1917, will disappear.

The ancient orders of chivalry such as the Order of the Bath — traditionally given to senior civil servants and the military — and the Order of St Michael and St George — given to diplomats and people who have served overseas — would also be scrapped.

In its place a single honour with distinct categories appears the most likely replacement. The New Zealanders opted for the New Zealand Order of Merit, but this name is unlikely to be chosen because OMs are already awarded to distinguished people by the Queen.

However, a single Order of Britain award with four or five categories is considered a strong possibility.

David Clark, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was in New Zealand and Australia last week examining various aspects of government and intended to look at the new honours system.

There is also interest in the Young Australian of the Year *awards which are handled by* education authorities in the seven states. This could serve as a blueprint for Mr Blair to honour the brightest and best school pupils and children's achievements nationally.

Mr Blair and his advisers are deliberating on how best to overhaul the present system which they believe has become outdated, anachronistic and often confusing.

But he wishes to retain an honours system and believes it is a way of thanking individuals for their service and also to highlight individual activities in the community.

For his first proper list, the New Year's honours for January — *the Queen's Birthday* Honours list in June was largely prepared by John Major before the election — Mr Blair is unlikely to make widescale changes and has told colleagues he wants to have first-hand experience of how the system operates.

But he has made clear to officials that he wishes to continue Mr Major's policy of allowing the public to put forward the names of ordinary people for inclusion in the New Year's honours list and the Queen's Birthday honours *lists in June.*

Between 8,000 and 9,000 "DIY" nominations from private individuals arrive in Downing Street every year. But Mr Blair wants two or three extra letters of support for each nomination. One Government source said last week: "We must have absolute proof that someone has contributed to the community and that the nomination is not because someone thinks a person is a good egg.

"The honours really are for exceptional service well beyond the norm. It is for something beyond the ordinary and the competition is stiff."

Mr Blair has also made clear that he wants more teachers, *headmasters* and headmistresses, nurses and doctors — people working on the frontline of public services — to be honoured.

Cash awards are offered to young

Australia's youth is encouraged to aspire to greater heights by a prestigious awards scheme offering national recognition as well as cash prizes and holidays. The Young Australian of the Year awards are open to people aged 14 to 27 and are presented by the Prime Minister on Australia Day. They are sponsored by Government and industry with nominations invited in national newspaper advertisements. Awards are in seven categories: the environment, arts, regional development, science and technology, community service, sports and career achievement.

Europe seeks ban on human cloning

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Council of Europe has called for a ban on human cloning, following alarm over the cloning of Dolly the sheep by Scottish scientists last year.

The ban, endorsed by a 40-nation summit meeting on Saturday, is considerably stronger than the bill sent by US President Bill Clinton to Congress, which merely prohibits the use of techniques for cloning for a five-year period. The council instructed its executive to formalise the ban in the form of a protocol to the Eupoean Convention on Biomedicine, which aims to control the use of biological and medical advances seen as a threat to human dignity.

During a two-day meeting of the council in Strasbourg, several of the 21 presidents and 19 prime ministers put their weight behind the ban.

The scientists responsible for Dolly, have had several requests to clone humans, one from a couple who lost their daughters in a car crash. But Ian Wilmut of the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh has said: "I can't think of any embryologist I know who would be interested in cloning a human being."

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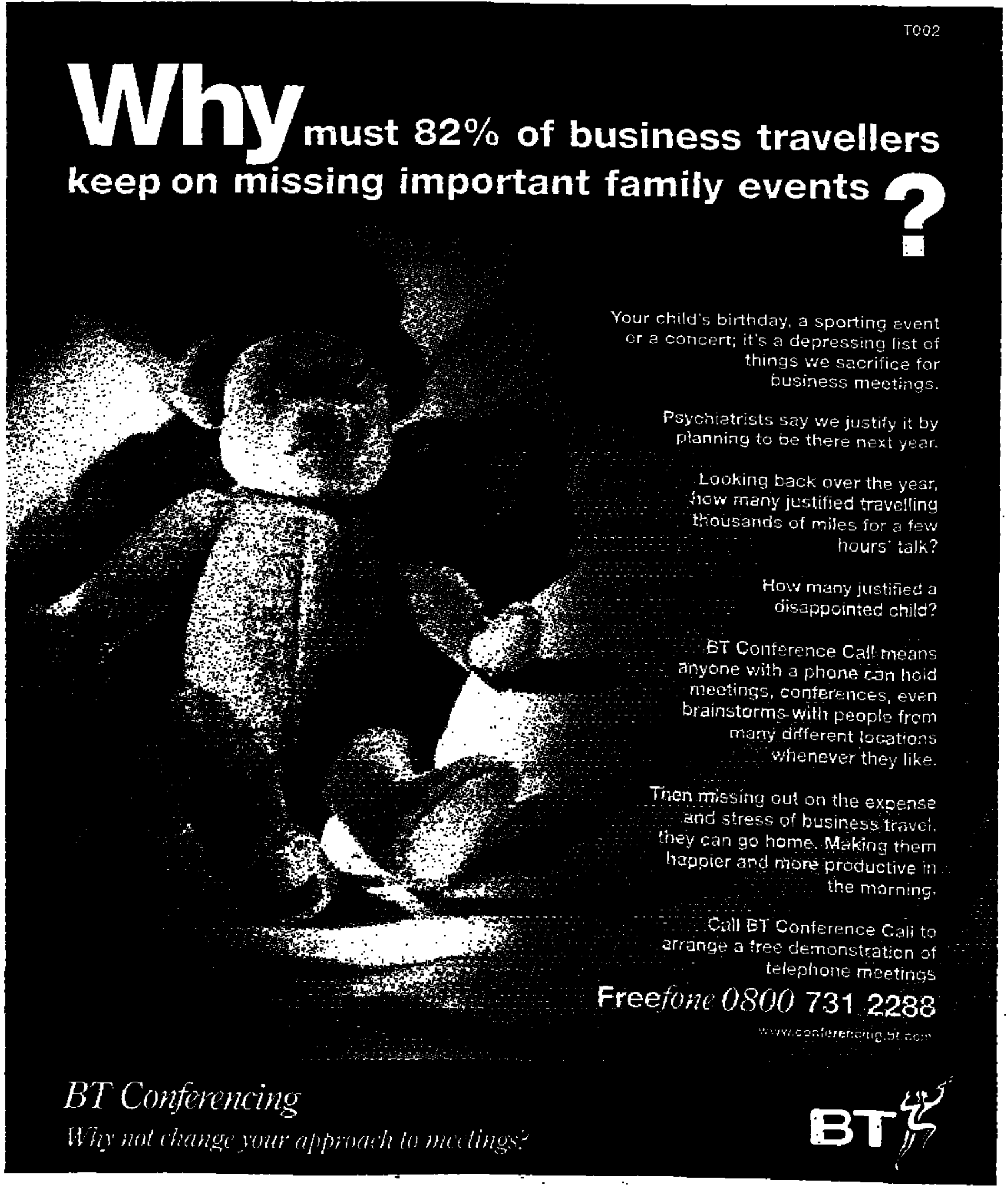

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MP denies fresh claims of infidelity

Tabloid speculation over Piers Merchant may test the Tories' new policy of tolerance, writes Andrew Pierce

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Mrs Merchant, left, with Anna Cox outside the MP's home in Beckenham. She said the 18-year-old researcher was a family friend

Piers Merchant: said allegations were untrue

THE controversy over the private life of the Tory MP Piers Merchant took a bizarre twist yesterday when his wife appeared before photographers outside their home with the teenage girl alleged to be his mistress.

The episode could prove to be the first test of William Hague's policy of tolerance, unveiled last week, which permits sexual indiscretions by Tory MPs but not financial ones.

Six months after Mr Merchant, the MP for Beckenham, defied leadership calls to stand down after tabloid photographs of him kissing Anna Cox, 18, their friendship was the subject of fevered tabloid speculation again yesterday.

Mr Merchant and Miss Cox, who has left her job as a Soho hostess to work as his political researcher, were pictured over six pages of the *Sunday Mirror* after spending four nights together in York, the Lake District, and Darlington while the Tories met in Blackpool for their annual conference.

Helen Merchant, the MP's wife, staged an impromptu photo-call with Miss Cox at the end of the drive of her detached home in Beckenham, southeast London, to try to quash speculation that there was anything untoward in the friendship.

Mrs Merchant, who declined to be drawn on the newspaper's claims, said: "Anna is here as a family friend. This afternoon is my son's sixth birthday and I would really like you all to go away and let us all have a nice family birthday. My husband has said all he is going to say."

Miss Cox, who had stayed overnight at the Merchants' house, said: "You have got a picture of us as friends and since when has being friends been a crime?" The pair then walked back up the drive to the house.

It was a bizarre photo-call that revived memories of David Mellor's disastrous appearance for a family picture with his wife, children, and in-laws after revelations of his relationship with Antonia de Sancha. However, Mr Merchant stayed in the house, behind drawn curtains, and declined requests to pose for photographs.

When the friendship between the MP and Miss Cox was revealed shortly before the general election, Mr Merchant claimed he had been set up by the tabloids. He dropped a hint yesterday that this time he had turned the tables on the media.

Far from conducting an illicit affair, he claimed he was working with Miss Cox on a book about the excesses of the tabloids. Mr Merchant, his wife, and Miss Cox, in a joint statement, said: "Despite scurrilous and untrue allegations made at the time of the election, Anna and Piers have remained close friends and have, in fact, for a while been jointly working on a book about the excesses of the tabloid press and this story should be seen in that context.

"Anna and Piers are not having an affair. Anna is, in fact, at present staying with Piers, his wife Helen and children, Alethea and Rolf, at their family home." On Friday night Mr Merchant attacked the media during a debate at Durham University, where he was a student.

The story is nevertheless an embarrassment for the Tories, coming so soon after Mr Hague said he would draw a clear distinction between sexual misdemeanours and financial sleaze, which badly damaged the Conservatives in the run-up to the general election.

Mr Hague declared at Blackpool last week: "Never again ... will we allow the good name of our party to be blackened by the greed and selfishness of a few." He made clear that he would not consider extramarital affairs a sacking issue.

Conservative Central Office played down the story yesterday. "This is a matter for Piers Merchant. It is not one for us. It's his business," a source said.

The tone was in sharp contrast to before the election, when Tories led by Michael Heseltine led calls for Mr Merchant to stand down. He refused their demand and was backed by his local party after denying that he was having an affair with Miss Cox.

Author alleges libel trial cover-up

By Michael Horsnell

FRESH allegations about the conduct of ministers in the run-up to the £1.5 million libel trial between Lord Aldington and Nikolai Tolstoy, the historian, will surface today with the launch of a book that will reopen the wounds of one of the most controversial episodes in British military history.

Lord Aldington was awarded the record damages in 1989 against Tolstoy and his co-defendant Nigel Watts over their claim that he had "the blood of 70,000 innocent men, women and children on his hands".

The book, *The Cost of a Reputation* by Ian Mitchell, suggests that there was an official cover-up not only over the events of May 1945 when the British Army handed over Cossack and non-Communist Yugoslav refugees and PoWS to Stalin and Tito to face imprisonment, torture and death — but also in the lead up to and events surrounding the trial. It alleges an "old boy network" of Old Wykehamists and others, involving ministers in the Thatcher Government anxious to help Lord Aldington to prepare his case. It claims that files containing evidence important to Tolstoy's defence were withdrawn from the Public Record Office (PRO) into offices in Whitehall, from where some went missing.

Ministers involved include Lord Younger, who as Sir George Younger was Defence Secretary from 1986-89, and Lord Trefgarne, then Minister of State for Defence Procurement. Like Lord Aldington, Lord Younger was educated at Winchester College.

At the centre of the libel trial was a pamphlet in which it was claimed that Lord Aldington — then Brigadier Toby Low, chief of staff of 5 Corps, a unit of the British Army in Austria — had signed orders to hand over the Cossacks and Yugoslavs. The privately published book says that important evidence for Tolstoy's defence was kept from the High Court by the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign Office.

Outlining his allegations of ministerial assistance provided for the preparation of Lord Aldington's case, Mitchell says that, after issuing writs against Watts and Tolstoy, Lord Aldington wrote to his friend Sir George. He asked the Defence Secretary if he could remove files from the PRO to the Ministry so that he could examine them there.

A similar request was made to the Foreign Office, and again files were moved. The result was that the documents were not immediately available to Tolstoy, nor was he told who had them.

Mitchell points finger at "old-boy network"

Scots stroke victim awoke with South African accent

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

A WOMAN who went to bed with a Scottish accent but woke up sounding South African is casting new light on a rare condition.

Foreign Accent Syndrome has been reported no more than a dozen times this century, and follows injury to the brain caused by stroke or accident. The voice changes in intonation and emphasis, creating a different accent.

One 46-year-old American man involved in a car crash in 1994 walked away with a French accent, though the furthest he had ever been from his Massachusetts home was New Jersey. Other cases include British people sounding Mexican, a Norwegian developing a German accent, a Czech sounding Polish and a Portuguese American sounding Chinese.

The woman who developed a South African accent woke up one morning feeling dizzy, and a stroke was diagnosed. A brain scan showed damage to the left side of the brain. It is this area which controls the mechanism of speech. Sophie Scott, of the Applied Psychology Unit in Cambridge, said. Dr Scott is studying the case with colleagues at University College London and Northwick Park Hospital, northwest London.

The woman, in her 50s, speaks with effort, using a high flat intonation, and one syllable at a time. She has problems pronouncing certain vowels, and cannot say the "th" in "the".

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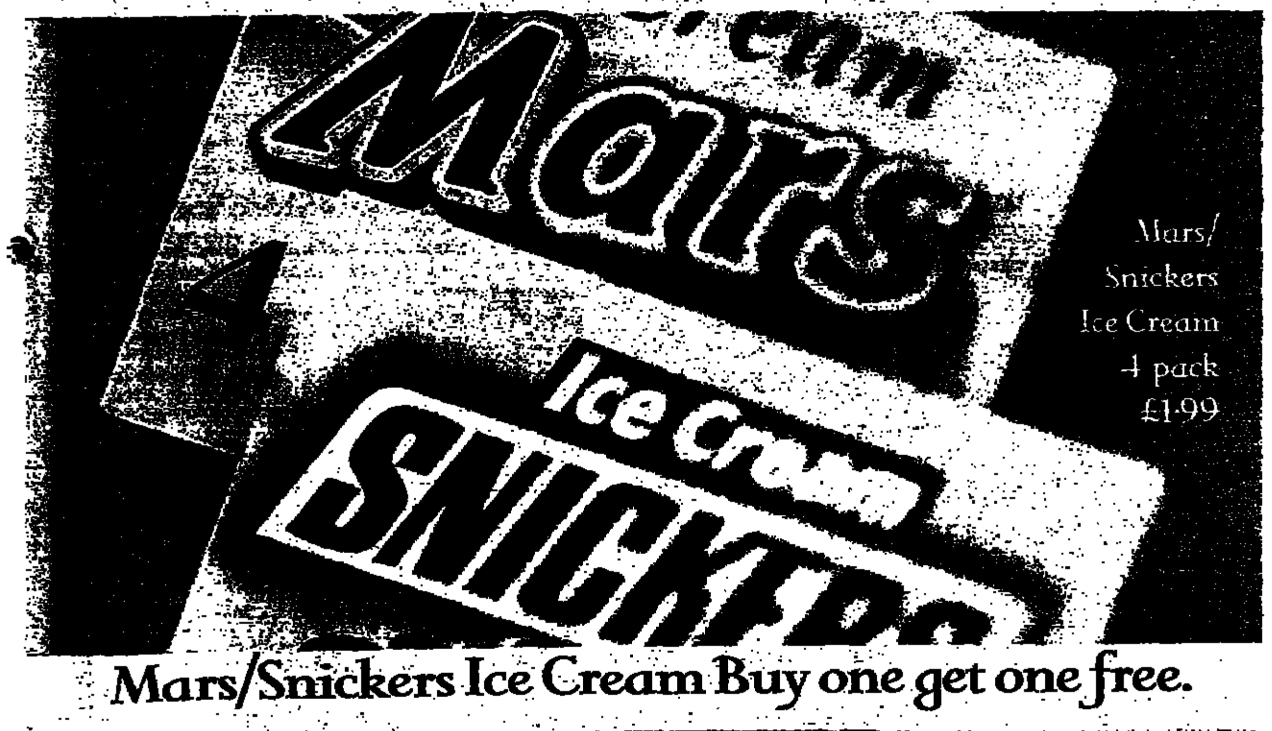

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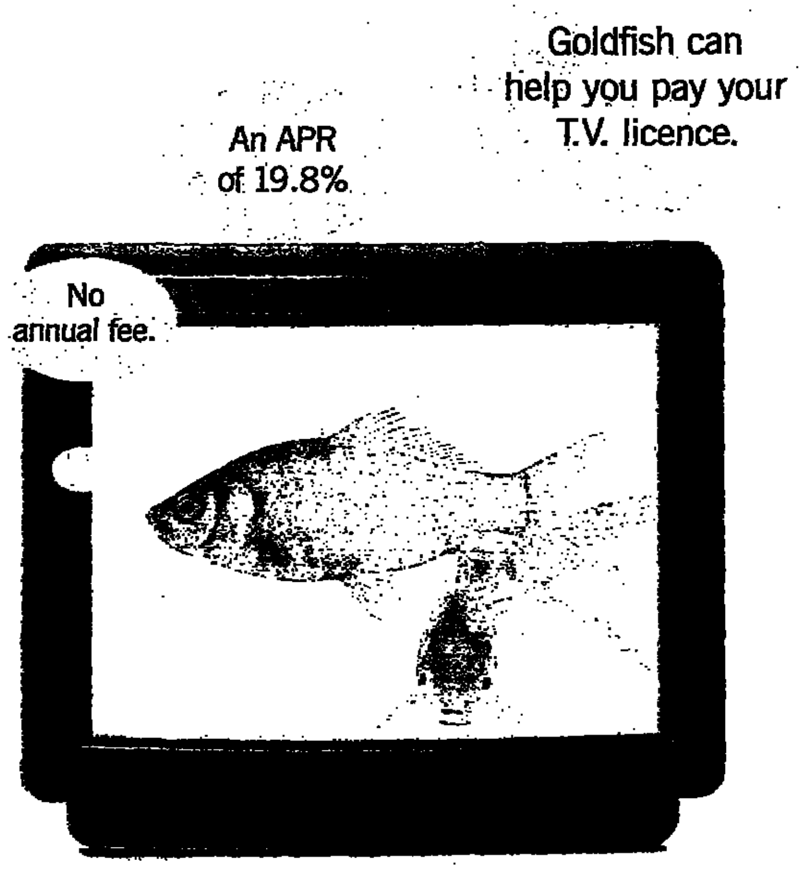
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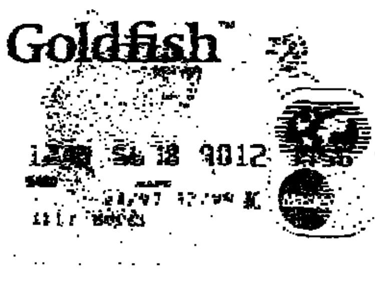

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Famous first words begin a literary clash

List leaves out Chandler and Hamlet, but that is just for openers, says Kathryn Knight

IT IS the best of lines, it is the worst of lines. The opening words of a piece of literature can be a nightmare for writers who fear that the reader may never read on.

Now the opening lines of *some of* the greatest writers have entered the *Oxford Dictionary of Literary Quotations* as a subject in their own right. Yesterday the publishers admitted that the list is likely to cause heated debate among those affronted that personal favourites have been left out.

The list has just 41 entries. They are not claimed to be the best quotes, but the openings that have become part of the collective conscious, often used in speeches and works by other people. Elizabeth Knowles, managing editor of *Oxford quotation dictionaries*, said: "Of course, people will always say, What about this one? But that is what makes this kind of work both frustrating and exciting. It is potentially endless." The compilers went through a huge computer database of quotations to draw up the list, from Virgil and Chaucer through to George Orwell and Anthony Burgess. Shakespeare provides two entries, while the anonymous "Once upon a time", dating back to 1595, *supplants* notable authors and playwrights. Keats delivers a trio of memorable favourites.

Ms Knowle said that the two Shakespeare choices — "If music be the food of love, play on" from *Twelfth Night* and "O! for a muse of fire, that would ascend, The brightest *heaven of invention*" from *Henry V* — may sit badly with those who prefer "Now is the winter of our discontent" from *Richard III* and "Who's there?" from *Hamlet*.

"Shakespeare is enormously quotable and much quoted, but we had to be careful because you could end up with a whole columnn of Shake*speare quotes," she said.* "We chose the ones we felt were most universally referred to.

"We looked for evidence that they were high profile in different areas of life. This is a list not just for writers, but people who just love reading. It is very solidly rooted in what the nation likes."

Last night Sue Arnold, author of *A Burmese Legacy*, said her favourite first line was from *The Good Soldier* by Ford Maddox Ford. It is: "This is the greatest story I've ever heard." It is not in the list.

John Bayley, the retired Oxford English don married to the novelist Dame Iris Murdoch, expressed surprise that Raymond Chandler had not made the list, but said that personal idiosyncratic favourites may clash with national favourites.

"My wife's favourite opening is to *Hamlet*, but it would *not be everybody's choice. I* think one of my great preferences is the opening to Harriette Wilson's memoirs: 'I shall not say why and how I became, at the age of fifteen, the mistress of the Earl of Craven'." Wilson is included in the list.

The dictionary also proffers a list of nine closing lines, *including those from Tess of the D'Urbervilles, Wuthering Heights, Animal Farm* and *Gone With the Wind*.

Professor Bayley also suggested another category: "Perhaps they should look for a collection of openings that *don't* make you want to read any further. I'm sure one could find plenty from modern fiction."

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OPENING LINES

As I walked through the wilderness of this world	*The Pilgrim's Progress* (John Bunyan)
I sing of Arms and the man	*Aeneid* (Virgil)
It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife	*Pride and Prejudice* (Jane Austen)
Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness, Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun	*Autumn* (John Keats)
"Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents," grumbled Jo, lying on the rug	*Little Women* (Louisa May Alcott)
It was a dark and stormy night	*Paul Clifford* (Edward George Bulwer-Lytton)
It was the best of times, it was the worst of times	*A Tale of Two Cities* (Charles Dickens)
Call me Ishmael	*Moby Dick* (Herman Melville)
In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit	*The Hobbit* (J.R.R. Tolkein)
Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again	*Rebecca* (Daphne Du Maurier)
Whan that Aprill with his shoures soote. The droghte of March hath perced the roote	*The Canterbury Tales* 'The General Prologue' (Chaucer)
In my beginning is my end	*Four Quartets* (T.S. Eliot)
Mother died today. Or perhaps it was yesterday, I don't know	*L'Etranger* (Albert Camus)
It was a bright cold day in April and the clocks were striking thirteen	*Nineteen Eighty Four* (George Orwell)
It was the afternoon of my eighty-first birthday and I was in bed with my catamite when Ali announced that the archbishop had come to see me	*Earthly Powers* (Anthony Burgess)

PETER TREVNOR

Channel 4's panel: Salman Rusdie, Martin Amis, Gore Vidal, Lisa Jardine and Melvyn Bragg. Mr Vidal said students prefer videos

Bright minds ignore books, says Vidal

By Alex O'Connell

ON THE eve of Britain's most prestigious literary award, Gore Vidal, the American novelist and essayist, *has* claimed that even the brightest students no longer read or show an interest in literature.

His gloomy predictions on the future of the novel came *in a pre-Booker Prize discus*sion with the novelists Salman Rushdie and Martin Amis, and Lisa Jardine, the writer and academic.

Booker judges are meeting today to choose a winner from the six shortlisted authors — Bernard MacLaverty, Arundhati Roy, Mick Jackson, Jim Crace, *Tim Parks* and *Madeleine St* John. Their verdict will be announced at a televised gala dinner at Guildhall tomorrow night.

This year's shortlist is notable for the omission of some hotly-tipped authors, including Ian McEwan whose book *Enduring Love* received good reviews. The prize, worth £20,000, guarantees sales and instant literary recognition for the winner.

Mr Vidal, a former lecturer at Harvard, said America's best *young minds* were generally more interested in Hollywood movies than the novel: "They really don't read novels, and they don't read much of *anything and they* have very little interest in literary figures," he said.

He said that in dull moments during his lectures, the mention of a film title would instantly provoke lively debate: "I'd say, 'Has anyone here seen *The Doors*?' and the whole room would become vibrant and they'd take *sides on this movie that had* just come out. They don't know how to read a novel. So they would rather get a video cassette of Peter Greenaway *and look at that and feel* they're communing with high art."

He added there was little prospect of the novel's recovery in the face of film, video and television: "I'm not sure that you can bring the novel back and I'm not sure that it's perhaps desirable."

The discussion, *The Booker on Four, was chaired by* Melvyn Bragg and will be shown on Channel 4 tonight. *Mr Vidal's views* were attacked by the rest of the panel, who argued that the novel was still relevant.

Martin Amis, who has never won the Booker Prize, said Mr Vidal was describing an American situation. "The difference is the Atlantic Ocean," he said. "If you talk around the capitals of the world people will say that British fiction is the strongest in the world."

Lisa Jardine, who has lectured on the novel in Britain and America, said: "You only have to go on the Tube in the morning and you'll see people reading real novels." Mr Rushdie said: "People are not stopping reading *novels. They* still expect them to shape their lives."

Martin Amis, the novelist, has denied that the reason he is planning to leave Britain for New York is to escape media intrusion into his private life. He said yesterday he was going to find literary inspiration because London no longer excited him. Mr Amis, whose latest book *Night Train* is set in Chicago, said: "It would purely be because I feel I need America as a subject."

Mr Amis does not want to move until his two sons finish their schooling, in about five years' time.

BBC to close two libraries of classic stock

By Carol Midgley
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC is to sell 60,000 books and close two of its lending libraries as part of John Birt's moves to streamline resources.

Loan stock will be removed from Broadcasting House and Bush House, home of the World Service, during the next six months. Staff say that it represents a "further dismantling of BBC heritage". Much of the archive stock has been in the BBC *libraries since it was established more* than 70 years ago.

BBC executives want to concentrate all book-lending facilities at one site, Television Centre at White City in West London, rather than having *three libraries. A reference-only ser*vice will remain at all three sites, but researchers or programme-makers who need to borrow a book will have to go to White City.

The corporation's collection of books, including classic novels, medieval poetry and royal, political and sporting biographies, will be weeded out during the next few weeks. Among the titles likely to be sold are dozens of *art books*.

A corporation source said: "A lot of our stock we have in triplicate and it isn't necessary. There are umpteen biographies on minor members of the Royal Family or dead sporting heroes. *How many books on Prince Michael* of Kent do you need?"

But a BBC worker at Bush House said the move was nonsensical. "All we hear about is efficiency, but for people working in central London a library out towards Shepherds Bush is about as inefficient and as inconvenient as it could get. The needs of staff at the World Service are totally different to the needs of people *working at Television Centre*."

A BBC spokeswoman said: "We have about 90,000 titles in total. Of those we will lose about 60,000, but we are talking about some very old books that are hardly ever accessed or used. *It is no more than the annual throw*out rate of a normal lending library and if it raises money for the BBC then all well and good.

"Increasing numbers of staff are using electronic databases now, but we will maintain our reference section. In the future, where CD-Roms are available we will probably buy it in that form in preference to reference books. Don't forget that close by to *Broadcasting House and Bush House* there are major public libraries and they are about ten times bigger."

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Police attack training after divers' deaths

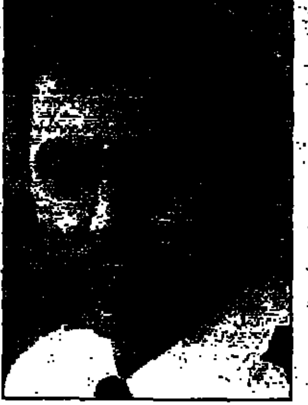
Fast-track procedures learnt at scuba diving centre may be a factor in fatalities. Reports by Stephen Farrell

POLICE yesterday launched a fierce attack on training standards within the sport of scuba diving after an investigation into the deaths of three inexperienced divers at one centre this year.

Inspector Stephen Hanson, a former head of Leicestershire police underwater search unit, claims to have found disturbing similarities between the fatalities at the *Stoney Cove National Inland* Diving Centre near Hinckley, Leicestershire.

He criticised the Professional Association of Diving Instructors, the world's largest and most influential diver-training body, for running five-day intensive courses which allow students to begin diving unsupervised after four sessions with instructors.

Other experts, who last night backed his attack, fear the sport's governing body, the British Sub-Aqua Club, is also *starting short courses. Last* month it began a five-day course aimed at holidaymakers.



Hanson: saw similarities between the deaths

Mr Hanson, 45, a diver of 24 years' experience who holds the Health and Safety Executive's diver training certificate, has carried out investigations into all diving deaths in Leicestershire for more than 16 years. He began to notice inexperience as a factor in deaths four years ago.

He said: "The common experience for people to get diving qualifications before PADI came on the scene was one of the many diving clubs in the country. Progressing to sports diver standard took many, many months. Then along come PADI with a fast-track and what appeared to be *a very professional system of* getting you into water in a very short period of time and of course it is very attractive.

"What the PADI system allows is for one diver who has just qualified to dive as a partner with another who has just qualified. The system is wrong in my opinion."

Last year 15 people died while diving recreationally in Britain, according to the Brit*ish Sub-Aqua Club. A recent* report for the Health and Safety Executive estimated the risk to be one death per 5,000 divers each year, similar to other adventure sports.

Stoney Cove is a former granite quarry widely regarded by divers and safety watchdogs as one of the safest sites in the country. Although it has seen 16 deaths in 15 years, more than 100,000 dives are made there each year; it has trained rescuers, a fast boat and recompression chamber.

The basic PADI "Open Water" course, a series of dives under supervision and lectures using videos and textbooks, can be completed in three to five days at a cost of £100 plus cost of trips and *hiring equipment. Those who* qualify may then dive with a partner of equal experience.

PADI, founded in the US in 1967, has schools all over the world and opened a UK headquarters two years ago. In 1996 it awarded 728,295 certificates worldwide and 41,420 in the UK and Ireland, compared with 7,512 (UK and Ireland) in 1991.

Its quality assurance manager, Eric Albinsson, yesterday pointed out that the organisation funded safety research and helped establish minimum industry training standards. "Any time you increase the number of people taking part in an activity there will be an increase in incidents. All we can do is point to *our safety record," he said.*

Dave Glover, 42, from Fareham, Hampshire, a BSAC advanced instructor with 25 years' experience, said he feared standards might slip. "When I learned to dive it took a minimum of six months to get the basics. Now PADI do it in five days."

Alan King, director of the company which owns Stoney Cove, said: "All the divers *who have been involved in an* incident here, from a minor hiccup to fatal accidents, have either been a qualified diver or in the minority of cases a diver under training with a suitably qualified person."

MICHAEL POWELL

Divers at Stoney Cove in Leicestershire. Police have criticised a system that allows two newly-qualified divers to go out on their own

THE CATALOGUE OF DEATHS AT STONEY COVE

THERE *have been* 16 deaths in the past 15 years at Stoney Cove. They include:

1. October 4, 1997. Patrick Scanlon, 37, from Leicester. Believed to have run out of air and drowned.

2. September 3, 1997. Glyn Beeson, 48, from Staffordshire. Drowned after complaining he could not keep up with two friends.

3. April 15, 1997. Lynne *Coughlin, 49, from* Buckinghamshire. Became separated from husband and sank on their first unsupervised dive.

March 21, 1996. Member of *visiting diving* club died after getting into difficulty.

July 2, 1995. David Richardson, 40, from Leeds, drowned and suffered internal injuries after he surfaced too quickly.

February, 1995. Lester Smith, 19, from Walsall, sank to bottom after sharing air supply with instructor.

April 15, 1994. Adelle Barry, 18, *from Bedford, ran out of* air while diving with another member of the British Sub Aqua Club.

August, 1992. Neil Rhodes, 26, from Watford, died after being brought up from 30 metres by friends.

June 16, 1991. Andrew Brimble, 43, from Bristol, drowned on advanced diving course.

April 28, 1991. David Piper, 24, from Romford, died on training session on his first open water dive.

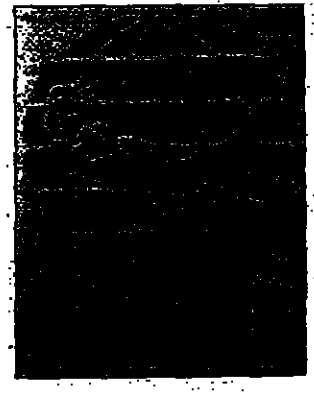
February 20, 1989. Maureen Knight, 44, from Lancashire, a novice diver, *suffered* a heart attack underwater.

March 2, 1986. Steve Cullen, 23, from Manchester, died after being trapped under ice.

Icy peril lurking in British waters

TWENTY minutes in the depths of a cold, grey, water-filled Midlands quarry in October is enough to convince anyone that diving in freezing British waters is a different world from the clear blue lagoons where many learn each year on foreign holidays.

As a PADI novice with just the basic "open water" qualification and only seven dives under my belt, it would have been foolhardy to attempt such a radical change in conditions without an experienced instructor present (Stepehn Farrell writes).



But that is what many inexperienced divers do. Patrick Scanlon died in Stoney Cove a week earlier, having logged just four dives, while swimming with an equally *inexperienced partner.*

Stoney Cove, a horseshoe-shaped 12.5-acre former granite quarry near Hinckley, Leicestershire, is fed by a natural spring and has a series of shelves, ranging from 7 to 35 metres deep.

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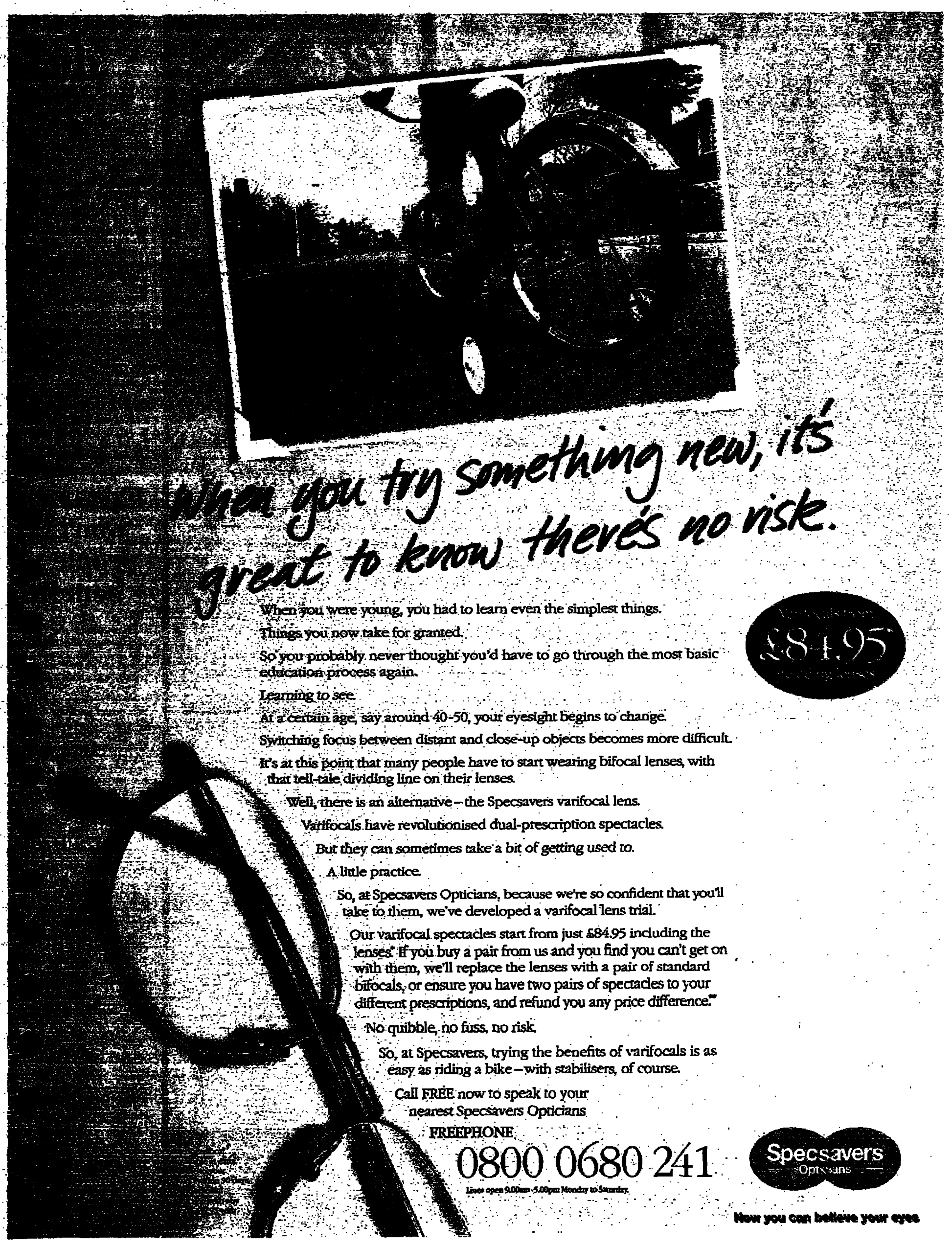

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Lawyers lean on expert witnesses to alter opinions

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

DOCTORS, accountants and other expert witnesses used by lawyers in court cases are regularly asked to modify their opinions by instructing solicitors, according to a survey to be published this week.

The study of nearly 500 expert witnesses — the largest of its kind — found that two thirds (345) were asked to change their opinion in some way and almost one third did so.

The findings, to be outlined at the Law Society conference later this week, raise doubts about the independence and professionalism of some expert witnesses used either in support of claims in court or to rebut them.

According to Roger Norwich, who runs a private medico-legal consultancy with 12 doctors in Gloucestershire, a "small but significant" number of solicitors ask for reports to be modified. He said he always resisted such requests.

Two or three law firms "persistently ask us to alter reports and put a different gloss on what we say," he said. "We don't do it unless, of course, it is a matter of correcting factual errors."

The survey found that more than 40 per cent of the experts had no formal terms of engagement with their solicitor and 10 per cent agreed to work on a contingency basis, in which they would be paid only if the solicitor won the case.

The survey also found that the fees charged by expert witnesses have risen steeply in recent years. Nearly one in five now charges more than £1,000 for a report and 41 per cent charge more than £500. Some 15 per cent of expert witnesses ended up suing the solicitor for their fees.

Mark Solon, director of the witness training company Bond Solon which carried out the survey, said the full results — based on some 1,500 experts — would be outlined at their conference on November 7. But these first findings showed that many expert witnesses had some way to go, he said, before they operated on a fully professional and independent basis.

Mr Solon added that, with the Government poised to announce a big expansion of "no win, no fee" work by lawyers, in which lawyers take a fee only if they win the case, expert witnesses would come under even more pressure to modify their opinions.

He accepted that many witnesses were asked to change their opinion for perfectly proper reasons, but there were cases "that show cause for concern".

The Law Society's 1997 Directory of Expert Witnesses lists 3,500, with 1,600 specialist areas of work. Senior judges — notably Mr Justice Cresswell — have emphasised the importance of independent expert witnesses.

Dave McNeill, spokesman for the Law Society, said: "Many solicitors ask experts to change something in their reports — it may be something wrong, or maybe they have not met the brief or a point needs development or clarification. All of this is perfectly proper."

He said that there might be occasional cases where solicitors asked for "inappropriate" changes, but that would be rare.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, has been criticised by the chairwoman of the Magistrate's Association over his call at its annual meeting on Saturday for a campaign to attract more Labour voters to sit on the bench. Anne Fuller said: "Politics play no part in the work we do. I have no idea what the politics of my colleagues are. They do not, and never will, affect our judicial judgment."

ROSS PARRY

The survivor: a slimline Casper after 20 days underground

The search: officers from the RSPCA and fire service at the quarry

Slim chance saves pet trapped by fat

AN OVERWEIGHT terrier had a slim chance of survival when it became stuck underground while chasing a rabbit. A long search by its owner, heat-seeking cameras from the fire service and a trench-digging machine all failed to find the lost pet.

After 20 days, all hope had gone when a much skinnier pet emerged from the ground at Melton, Huddersfield, west Yorkshire, to be welcomed home by its delighted owners. Now Casper the Lakeland terrier is believed to have set a canine survival record.

"She was living off her fat," her owner, Rachel Mann, 28, said. "Before all this, Casper was so fat. That's why she got stuck, but it also saved her life. It was only when she had lost all the weight that she escaped." The 18-month-old pet vanished during a walk near a quarry. Over the next week, Mrs Mann's husband, Andrew, 29, returned repeatedly to the scene, then called in the RSPCA. Inspector Andy Thompson began digging, and recruited help from the fire service, whose men dug into a quarry mound using heat-seeking cameras. Mr Mann even hired a JCB digger to make a 50-yard channel before giving up hope. Then a quarry worker called to say: "I think your dog has turned up."

Mrs Mann said: "She is very skinny. We're feeding her glucose and Weetabix." The dog is thought to have drunk rainwater to avoid dehydration. Inspector Thompson said: "I have never known a dog survive so long without food and daylight."

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Inquest into Princess's death 'too limited'

By Daniel McGrory

THE coroner expected to hold an inquest into the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, has spoken of his frustration that he will not be able to call witnesses from abroad and will have to rely on the French police inquiry into the crash.

John Burton, Coroner of the Queen's Household, described his limited powers as "a ludicrous situation" yesterday. There is still uncertainty as to when or where any inquest into the crash will take place.

The coroner's outspoken remarks came after renewed controversy involving Mohamed Al Fayed, who stands by his claim that he was told the Princess's last words. Michael Cole, his press spokesman, said yesterday that Mr Al Fayed, whose son Dodi also died in the accident, had "acted properly throughout and would continue to act properly to make sure that the facts are known". He refused to say whether Mr Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, would contact the coroner with his information.

Dr Burton said that he had no plans to call Mr Al Fayed but said that he would be open to "relevant" evidence.

A claim that the Princess had been conscious after the crash would be of crucial importance to any inquest. Mr Al Fayed's claim that a nurse passed on the Princess's last words was dismissed by French hospital authorities, who insist that she was unconscious from the moment the car crashed.

The main obstacle to any a British inquiry will be the reliance on the French inquiry without the power to question those who gathered the evidence.

No inquest is likely to be held in Britain until the French examining magistrate has finished his inquiry and decided whether to bring criminal charges.

Dr Burton said: "I have no power to call a witness from overseas. I can only deal with what anyone wants to tell me in England ... and if you can't get corroboration ... where are you?

"If Dodi and Diana had been buried in France there would be no inquest. It is purely the fact that they were brought back to England. It is a ludicrous situation."

A row has broken out between broadcasters over who had the right to transmit coverage of the funeral service of Diana, Princess of Wales, from Westminster Abbey. The BBC has asked Reuters Television why it transmitted BBC coverage to its clients around the world, apparently without authority. Reuters Television said there had been "an exchange of letters".

10p tax rate 'won't get people off benefit'

REFORMING the benefits system would be a more effective way of getting people into work than introducing a 10p starting rate of income tax, researchers claim today.

Their report, published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, examines the effectiveness of various options, including the planned national minimum wage, in tackling poverty and encouraging people to come off state benefits and into work. A minimum wage of £3.75 an hour would lift more than 300,000 workers out of poverty — saving up to £1.2 billion a year through lower spending on benefits and increased tax and national insurance revenue, the report says.

But introducing a 10p starting rate of income tax — one of Labour's aims — "would do almost nothing" to reduce poverty or increase work incentives. The report, by a team at Bath University, concludes that a package of benefits measures, including increases in Family Credit for younger children and lower social housing rents, would combine far more effectively with the minimum wage. *(PA News)*

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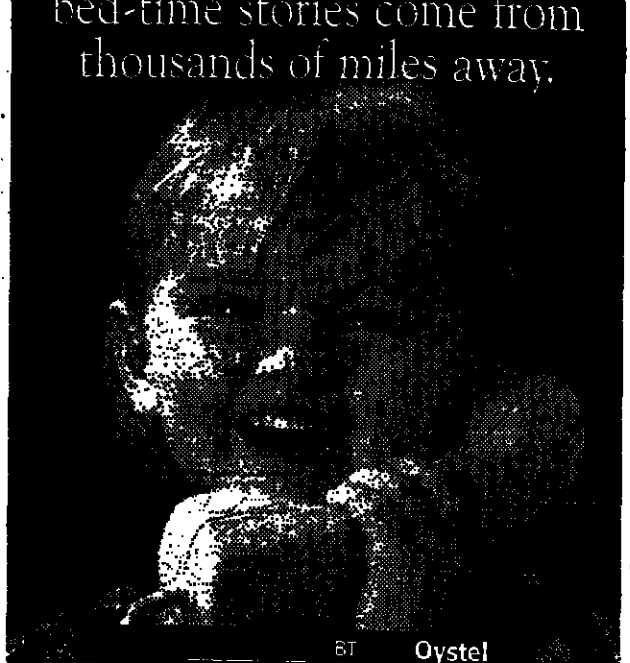

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Almighty Kohl faces meek revolt from party's Wild Bunch

INSIDE GERMANY

BY ROGER BOYES

The Wild Bunch — the nickname for unruly young rebels in the staid Christian Democratic Union — are promising to give Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, a bumpy ride at the party's annual conference which opens in Leipzig today.

Herr Kohl will certainly emerge again, health permitting, as the party's choice for the Chancellery in next year's election. But his personal, almost feudal, hold on his party placemen in the provinces is crumbling. After 15 years as Chancellor, 24 years as party leader, a sense of *fin de règne* hangs over him and the 1,000 delegates packing the conference hall. This is the last conference before the election and so the questions naturally pile up: is the Chancellor still a vote winner? Who can replace him? Who could be a suitable partner if the CDU wins? What happens next? Predictably, these questions will be repressed. The Chancellor knows his way around party conferences and he knows that delegates respond best to *nuggets of information, deep* fried in high-fat optimism.

The Wild Bunch will challenge him — in the form of amendments to party resolutions — on the need for modernisation. And so the leader will lard his speech with promises about 2000: how he will make Germany competitive, how women will be brought more quickly up the ladder.

The young generation in the party wants much more — real movement on taxes (if necessary, increasing petrol tax) and pensions — but since they also want to win the election, they will present their demands in the manner of polite sixth-formers.

The conference has to strike a balance between *relatively open* discussion — everybody is agreed that the party needs a sharper pre-election profile — and shoulder-to-shoulder unity. The Wild Bunch, politicians in their thirties and forties from the Saarland, *Lower Saxony*, Hesse and the youth wing, have been busily briefing the press before the conference, perhaps aware they will be muzzled in Leipzig. Some want Herr Kohl to step down as chairman after the election next September, win or lose. Most want the party to be open to a new partner, which means the Social Democrats, and they talk of a grand reforming coalition. Such an alliance would probably have to dump Herr Kohl. But all this, they grudgingly admit, is mere conjecture, a way of signifying that the young generation of the CDU is still capable of using its brains while nonetheless swearing loyalty to the Great Leader.

The central issue for the party — and therefore the one that will not be discussed — is the differing assessments of Germany's *economic and social* health. Only when there is a consistent answer to this *riddle — is Germany sick?* — will the party be able to work out programmes that go *beyond the 1998 election. And* only then will Germany be able to judge if Christian democracy, which is withering elsewhere in Europe, has relevance to the country.

The Chancellor continues to believe that the present consensus model *only* needs fine-tuning. His advisers are quick to point out how fickle is the so-called Asian model of capitalism, how US companies, though critical of Germany, still invest heavily in the country. The Chancel*lor squeezing into the new* small Mercedes at the Frankfurt Motor Show recently *emphasised* how *German car* companies are thriving, adjusting work times and manning levels in consultation with unions and staying highly competitive. The economy is picking up well.

Herr Kohl's strength is that the Social Democrats mainly agree with his view of the world. They would like more energy applied to creating jobs — still at a postwar record high — and some egalitarian rhetoric divides the party, but they are essentially on the same, conservative track. The much-trumpeted modernisation debate is phoney; *neither the Chancellor, nor his rivals and* least of all the electorate want radical change. Isolated within the CDU, however, there is a group, disciples of Wolfgang Schäuble, its parliamentary leader, *that wants a shake-up* of the country and the party.

Since they know their ideas can only be put into practice with a big majority, or a stable coalition, and since some of their ambitions would send German voters scattering for cover, they are quietly waiting for the end of the Kohl era, even for a lost election.

EU urges Britain to show solidarity with euro launch

From Charles Bremner in Luxembourg

BRITAIN will be awarded high marks by the European Union today for progress in bringing its economy into line for qualifying for economic and monetary union and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will use the occasion to trumpet the merits of the Government's *new* plans to tackle unemployment.

With just over six months before the founding states are chosen for the single currency, finance ministers are to review Britain's strong record in achieving "convergence" with the Maastricht criteria.

An expected budget deficit of 2 per cent and national debt of about 54 per cent of gross domestic product put Britain well under the Maastricht *ceilings that are causing so* much agony for Germany, France and especially Italy.

Overshadowing the meeting in Luxembourg today is the political crisis in Rome, triggered by the need for austerity cuts. The fall of the left-wing Government of Romano Prodi has thrown into doubt Italy's chances of qualifying.

While the EU recognises that Tony Blair is almost certain to exercise Britain's opt-out from the euro at the end of the year, ministers will make clear to Mr Brown the advantages they see for all sides if Britain were to signal an intention to embrace the currency soon after its launch, in January 1999.

"The euro zone would be truly impregnable if Britain came in," a European Commission official said, voicing the conventional wisdom in Brussels. "It's hard to see Tony Blair sitting out on the touchline for long if he wants to be a big player in Europe." EU officials have taken note of studies emerging from London claiming that Britain could do well by joining the single currency at the outset.

Britain will, however, be told it needs to stabilise sterling's *exchange rates against* other European currencies. Sterling's fluctuating record is *a possible impediment to joining* the euro because the Maastricht treaty requires two years of prior membership of the exchange rate mechanism (ERM), or at least the same *period shadowing it.*

The continental states are determined to show that the Italian crisis is not unsettling what they see as unstoppable momentum towards the euro. All other states except Greece are expected to qualify, though Sweden and Denmark are choosing to stay out. Optimism over the euro is being fuelled by resurgent economic growth and by the way central banks joined the Bundesbank in co-ordinating a rise in interest rates last week.

It is no secret that Germans would be relieved to see Italy fail to reach the starting line because that would quell fears of a "soft" euro. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, pleaded at the weekend for understanding of his country's emotional attachment to the strong mark.

While the euro is deemed to be *on course, concern is rising* over the continent's failure to curb unemployment — now 18 *million jobless. With an* EU "jobs summit" a month away, Mr Brown is to outline his *Employment Action Plan and* offer it as a model. Britain's diminishing unemployment rate, *now less than* 7 per cent, is the envy of the EU's big states. But they harbour strong *misgivings* over the Government's emphasis on "flexibility" in labour markets and its fierce approach to cutting welfare payments.

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King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia flanked by other members of the Spanish Royal Family at the reopening of Madrid's Royal Theatre

Madrid savours night at the opera

From Giles Tremlett
in Madrid

EUROPE'S *third largest opera house* — Madrid's Royal Theatre — has raised its curtain for the first time in 72 *years.*

A glittering first night on Saturday, presided over by King Juan Carlos and *most of the Spanish Royal Family,* marked the end of a chaotic nine-year refurbishment of the 1,750-seat theatre *and its revival as an opera house.*

For the past 72 years it has served as a concert hall, ballroom, the lower house of parliament — and a munitions dump. The double bill on the opening night was strictly Spanish, opera and ballet by the country's *greatest 20th-century composer,* Manuel de Falla. Tenor Jaime Aragall and soprano María José Montiel were the *star attractions in Falla's opera La Vida Breve* (The Short Life). Aida Gómez was the principal ballerina in *El Sombrero de Tres Picos* (The Three-Cornered Hat). The scenery designed by Picasso for Diaghilev's production *by the Ballets Russes in 1919 was* reproduced for the occasion.

The reopening of the opera house brought relief *to music lovers in the* Spanish capital, who have been without a first-class concert auditorium since it closed in 1989. It was to have *reopened* in 1992 but bickering over money, architectural errors and slow progress pushed the completion date back by five years. *They also saw the* original bill triple to £100 million.

The opera house took 32 years to *build. It opened in 1850 and ceased to* stage opera in 1925.

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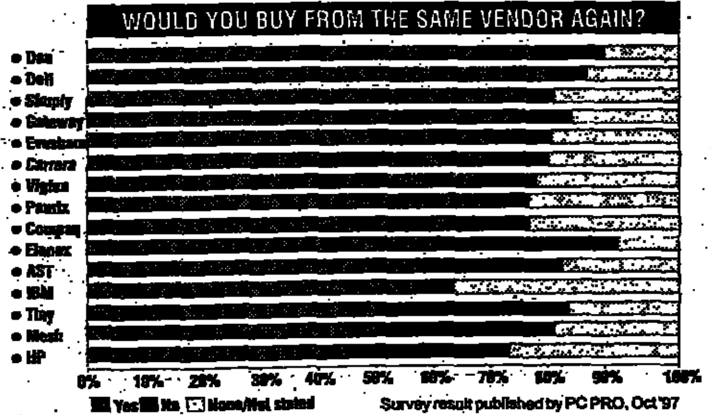

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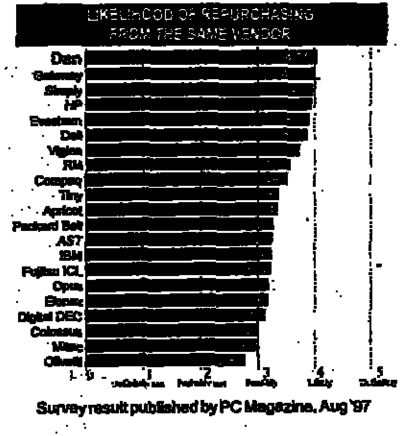

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Doctors declare Vichy shame

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

THE head of the leading French doctors' association has apologised for the "shameful" role played by many health practitioners under the collaborationist Vichy regime in the Second World War.

In the wave of national soul-searching linked to the war crimes trial of Maurice Papon, the alleged Nazi collaborator, the medical profession has joined Catholic bishops, police and lawyers in trying to atone for the moral shortcomings of the Vichy era.

Dr Bernard Glorion, president of the French Order of Doctors representing 180,000 members, said many members of his profession had backed Vichy laws banning Jews from practising medicine, and called for medical archives to be opened to historians to allow a full accounting.

Under anti-Semitic Vichy legislation, most Jews were barred from working as doctors, and many were betrayed by their French counterparts. A 1941 law restricted the number of Jewish doctors to 2 per cent of the profession.

"I want nothing to be forgotten from those dark hours," Dr Glorion said.

Queen's tour of India turns sour over Kashmir

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

THE Queen arrived in India last night to a hostile reception in much of the national press, reflecting suspicions — denied in London — that she is being used to promote a hidden political agenda in the West for a solution to the Kashmir crisis.

It promises to be a tense week, marred by the perception that Britain is pro-Pakistani over Kashmir and a widespread sense that royal visits are outmoded. Some left-wing politicians have questioned why the head of the former imperial power should be invited to share in celebrations to mark 50 years of independence.

There are suspicions in Indian political circles that Western powers are conspiring to force India to drop its objection to international mediation over Kashmir. A statement by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, that Britain seeks a Kashmir solution is perceived in Delhi as precariously close to Pakistan's policy favouring international mediation.

The Queen urged both sides to end their disagreements — to the delight of Pakistan, which seeks constantly to internationalise the Kashmir issue. India opposes any outside "interference" in what it insists is an internal matter. One newspaper complained that Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistani Prime Minister, had spent the better part of the Queen's visit to Pakistan last week acquainting her and Mr Cook with his country's position on Kashmir.

"The Labour Government has decided to exert pressure on India and the beginning is being made with the supposedly non-political visit of the apolitical monarch," an article in the *Asian Age* declared. "India is not falling over itself to receive the Queen, contrary to the expectations of the British Government. The monarchy ... cannot really hope to revive its sagging image by conjuring up visions of the defeated Raj."

Sikh protesters: want the Queen to apologise

The paper insisted that the visit of the Queen was not a goodwill mission. "If it was, the Queen and Robin Cook would have spoken differently in Pakistan. The Queen would not have stuck her imperial nose into what is not her business and Cook would have refrained from his totally uncalled-for remarks on Kashmir."

Security is intense after a series of small bomb explosions in Delhi on Friday. The Punjabi city of Amritsar will be practically brought to a standstill tomorrow when the Queen visits the Golden Temple, the Sikhs' holiest shrine. She will lay a wreath at Jallianwala Bagh, a small park where General Reginald Dyer's troops massacred 379 peaceful demonstrators in 1919. This is likely to satisfy most of those who have been demanding an apology.

The press has generally found nothing good to say about the visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh — indeed, it sometimes seems to be straining to find fault. The *Indian Express* carried a front-page article, headlined "Who comes first, the Queen of England or the President of India?" This concerned a perceived "insult" on invitation cards to an exhibition at the National Museum to be attended by the Queen and the President, in which her name comes before his. This was a "gaffe". *The Times of India* carried a story headlined "India, UK ties at low ebb as Queen Elizabeth's visit nears". The article complained that Inder Kumar Gujral, the Prime Minister, had not been given the courtesy of an invitation to land in London en route to the Commonwealth summit in Edinburgh later this month.

It went on to declare that trade between the two countries was not expanding and drew attention to calls within the Labour Party for a plebiscite in Kashmir to determine whether it should be part of India or Pakistan. "Even before Tony Blair became Prime Minister, Labour leaders had betrayed pro-Pakistan leanings," it said.

The Telegraph, published in Calcutta, noted that the Duke of Edinburgh would not be offered a "fat, overfed tiger to shoot", as he reportedly was in 1961 by the Maharajah of Jaipur.

☐ **Dhaka:** At least 20 people were killed and more than 500 injured when a tornado swept through a town near the Bangladeshi capital, officials said. *(Reuter)*

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Gohar Ayub Khan, the Pakistani Foreign Minister, bids farewell to the royal couple in Islamabad yesterday

British offers £5m to speed Rwanda genocide inquiries

From David Orr in Kigali

FOR more than a year, Claver Nkulikiyinka has been in prison, facing the death penalty on a charge of involvement in the Rwandan genocide. But although he has appeared in court four times, there is no indication when he will be tried in a country where justice is grinding to a halt.

Since trials began in Rwanda at the start of the year, more than 200 people have been convicted of participation in the murder of nearly half a million people in 1994. Nearly 100 have received the death penalty but no executions have yet taken place.

Mr Nkulikiyinka, a veterinary surgeon, had a lawyer but he is also now in prison facing similar charges.

"A number of people were killed in our area," said Mr Nkulikiyinka, dressed in the prison system's uniform of pink pyjamas. "But I am innocent. I was hiding in a neighbour's house at the time. Some neighbours accused me. There's no justice here. It's already been decided that we're guilty."

Mr Nkulikiyinka is one of 8,377 inmates at Gikondo prison in Kigali. The jail is a complex of former warehouses which belonged to Félicien Kabuga, a businessman sought by the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda as one of the genocide's alleged masterminds and financiers.

Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, who visited the prison last week, promised £5 million more aid to Rwanda. Some of this aid will go to the justice sector but none for the building of more detention centres.

Although overcrowded, Gikondo is by no means the worst of Rwanda's prisons, whose population now stands at 120,000. Under the weight of such numbers, the justice system is barely able to function. The rate at which cases are being heard is slower than the rate of arrests and already detention centres are full to capacity. A confession procedure, under which certain categories of defendants pleading guilty are given reduced sentences, has failed to make the impact expected.

"I'd like the trials to be much faster", says Gérald Gahima, secretary-general of the Justice Ministry. "But we're going as fast as we can. We're looking for money to build prisons but donors are not enthusiastic."

☐ **Report rejected:** Rwanda has dismissed a human rights report on alleged massacres of Rwandan refugees in the former Zaire as deserving "no serious attention".

Angolan troops in Congo oil zone clash

ANGOLAN troops, apparently backing Congolese guerrillas, clashed with Congo government soldiers yesterday around Cabinda, both countries reported. The Angolan-occupied enclave borders Congo.

The Republic of Congo said that President Lissouba's home area in the economically strategic south had been attacked from Cabinda.

But the Angolan Defence Ministry said Congolese troops had crossed the border to launch air and ground attacks. Incursions into the enclave since September 29 have left several people dead, the ministry said.

Congo's military high command said Angolan troops backing rebels had attacked the country's south, but said they had been pushed back. "They were heading towards Loudima but were scattered by airborne attacks," it said, referring to one of two southern towns that guerrillas claimed to have taken.

The attack marks a potentially dangerous situation in the four-month conflict, given the economic significance of the oil-producing Congolese south. The Angolan troop involvement follows reports that Angola's rebel Unita forces were backing Mr Lissouba. *(Reuters, AFP)*

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Clinton takes trade bloc dream to Brazil

From Bronwen Maddox in Washington and Gabriella Gamini in Rio de Janeiro

PRESIDENT CLINTON, on his first trip to South America, will invoke his old dream of a pan-American trading bloc from Alaska to Argentina, while calling for action against corruption in the region which has hindered White House initiatives.

He arrives today in Brazil after an overnight stay in Venezuela, on a week-long trip ending in Argentina. It is the first presidential visit to the region since George Bush attended the Rio Earth Summit in 1990. Mr Clinton's aim is to celebrate South America's "quiet and impressive revolution", in the words of Sandy Berger, the National Security Adviser. But the trip is also driven by the fear that the United States may find it increasingly hard to influence one of the fastest growing markets for its goods, and that Brazil or Argentina will take the lead in setting the region's trade policy.

Mr Clinton's visit has been criticised for being no more than a "photo-opportunity" because he is going with "an empty briefcase". To the White House's embarrassment, he leaves without having won crucial "fast-track" authority from Congress to strike trade agreements. The authority, which lapsed recently, would allow him to make pacts with foreign countries and put them to Congress for a "yes or no" vote without amendment. Without this power, foreign governments will not even bother to sit at the negotiating table with him.

The unexpectedly tough battle with Congress has threatened Mr Clinton's dreams of a continental free trade zone, which seemed achievable after the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico early in his first term. The President now clings to the hope that he will have fast-track authority in time for a hemispheric summit in Chile in April.

Brazil, which has hopes itself of steering the region's trade policy, has made clear that it would be content if Mr Clinton lost his battle. "I don't think that this would really cause any sadness in Brazil," Paulo Tarso Flecha de Lima, the Brazilian Ambassador to Washington, has said.

Mr Clinton risks angering Brazil this week by urging it to combat corruption, one factor behind Congress's reluctance to renew his powers. Just days before his departure, a diplomatic row broke out over a report by the US Embassy in Brasilia which said corruption was "endemic" in Brazilian culture. The State Department announced at the weekend that "endemic" would be replaced with "widespread".

Hamstrung in promoting economic ties, Mr Clinton will concentrate this week on specific, smaller issues. In Venezuela, a transit route for cocaine from Colombia, Peru and Bolivia, he will sign a "ship rider" accord allowing US drug agents to pursue suspects in Venezuelan waters. In Brazil, he will agree a formal pact to co-operate on education and technology.

"We are a centre for drug money laundering and each day we detect more drug shipments coming through," Miguel Ángel Borrelli, the Venezuelan Foreign Minister, said yesterday. "We want to take part in a multinational force to tackle this growing problem." President Clinton also wants to designate Argentina a "non-Nato military ally" in recognition, according to Mr Berger, of the country's contribution to 16 recent peacekeeping missions.

Legacy of suspicion

Rio de Janeiro: In the 1970s, the United States backed and funded South American military dictatorships which claimed to be fighting communism (Gabriella Gamini writes). This created a deep anti-American sentiment.

In the 1980s, when most South American countries fell heavily into debt and high inflation, the US regarded the southern continent as a financial risk zone.

But South America's fledgeling democracies have transformed their economies, and their 300 million people are seen by some as a sizeable and interesting market for American companies. Mr Clinton showed he was keen on a "rapprochement" when in 1994 he proposed the creation of a free trade zone extending between Alaska and Tierra del Fuego.

The United States is already a main trading partner for all South American countries, and the creation of a free trade pact is seen by some as an obvious extension of growing trade relations.

However, Brazil has expressed scepticism. President Cardoso said: "We are open to begin negotiations over a future pact, but are worried about not getting a fair deal when it comes to competing against American companies whose technology is far more sophisticated."

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MARK WILSON / REUTERS

The Clintons leave the White House yesterday on their way to South America

Town seeks to weed out diehard smokers

From Tunku Varadarajan in New York

"PSSST, got a cigarette?" could soon become a recurrent phrase in Winthrop, Massachusetts, should the town council of this tiny seaside conurbation vote next week to ban the sale of tobacco.

It is already forbidden to smoke in Winthrop in all places but private homes, and the impending ban on sales would make the town — population 18,000 — the first in America to institute a form of prohibition that mirrors the alcohol-related "dry" laws still found in some parts of the country.

The move to ban tobacco sales in Winthrop is the brainchild of Ralph Sirianni, a member of the town's Board of Health and a crusading former smoker. He has considerable support and the motion is expected to go through with ease.

Opposition comes primarily from the town's merchants. Cigarettes account for at least 15 per cent of all sales at local convenience stores, and shop-owners fear that they will be forced to close if people are driven to make their tobacco purchases in neighbouring towns. Citing the laws which prohibit restraint of trade, a group of businessmen has threatened to challenge the constitutionality of any ban in the state's courts.

Paul Lucerto, the proprietor of Swett's Liquor Mart, said: "Cigarettes are only about 10 per cent of my business, but if people have to leave Winthrop to buy them, they'll buy their beer, wine and lottery tickets elsewhere too."

Older and wiser Hillary organises new lease of life at 50

First Lady plans a campaigning role after big celebration, writes **Bronwen Maddox**

HILLARY CLINTON sees her 50th birthday later this month, soon after the departure of her only child for university, as a turning point allowing her to return to a high-profile role promoting her favourite social projects.

"Turning 50 doesn't bother me," one of the nation's most famous baby boomers says. But "realising that I'm a half-century old — that's different".

She will celebrate her October 26 birthday with a gala in her hometown of Chicago, and a visit to all her childhood haunts. But the festivities — a firework extravaganza is planned — "make me feel awkward", she said in weekend interviews before leaving on the week-long tour of Latin America.

Mrs Clinton added that she was coping better than her husband with the "empty nest syndrome" since their daughter Chelsea started at Stanford University last month. President Clinton, who shares with his daughter a taste for staying up late, badly misses chatting with her after Hillary had gone to bed.

To fill the gap, Mrs Clinton is planning a new series of campaigns to highlight humanitarian and social projects in which she has a particular interest. Later this month, the White House will hold a high-profile conference on child care. That will be followed by an initiative to push federal agencies into developing nationwide child care programmes. But the bruising memory of her over-ambitious and abortive plans to reform America's healthcare early in President Clinton's first term is still fresh. She acknowledges these days that "maybe it's easier for people to take reform in small chunks".

The new approach marks a cautious return to the spotlight. After the healthcare fiasco, and criticism that she was too forceful a power behind the throne, she adopted a low profile, shielded almost entirely from media scrutiny during last year's election campaign.

These days, she told *Newsweek* magazine, she is less worried about criticism. "I was very upset at times and couldn't understand why people were so critical and opposed to what I was trying to do, no matter what I did. Then I came to understand that was just part of the political landscape."

She is "proud" of Mr Clinton for getting hearing aids after his recent annual checkup. "I know of a lot of men who can't hear at all, but they are too vain to get hearing aids," she told *The Washington Times*. She recalled sitting next to President Reagan at a state dinner when he took out his hearing aids for the batteries to be replaced. "He was totally without self-consciousness," she said.

But she added that Mr Clinton was already wistful about the end of his presidency three years from now and that leaving the White House, as one of the youngest former Presidents, would be hard. The Clintons, who celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary on Saturday, planned to travel even more, she said.

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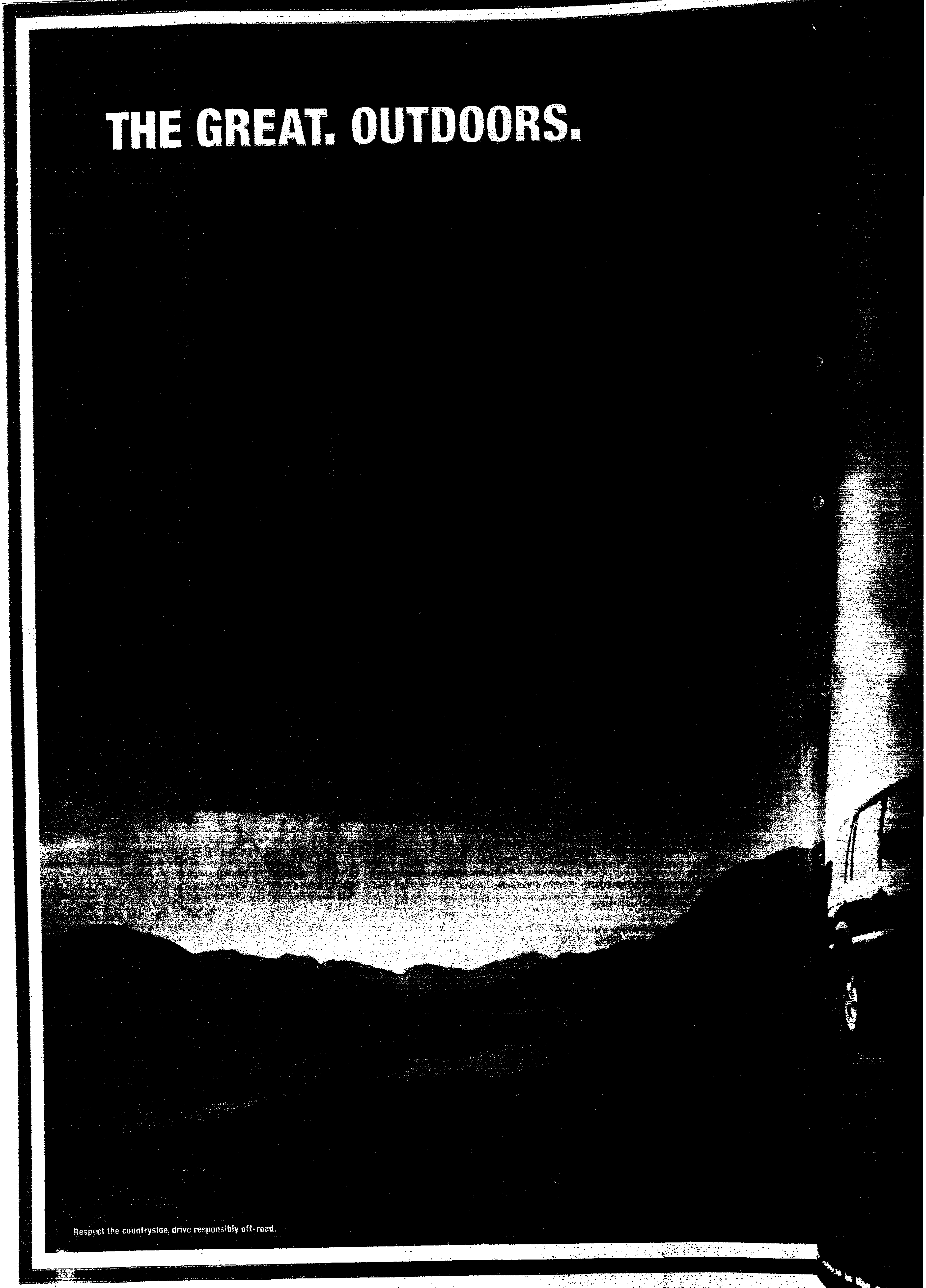

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Israel fiasco inquiry starts

From Christopher Walker
in Jerusalem

A POLITICALLY explosive inquiry into the most bungled mission in the history of Israel's Mossad secret service — last month's failed attempt to assassinate a Hamas leader in Jordan — opened yesterday at a secret location in Israel.

The political storm created by the "Amman fiasco" will intensify today when the 120 members of the Knesset are recalled from recess to debate the incident. Many members of the left-wing opposition Labour Party led by Ehud Barak, have vowed to call for the resignation of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister.

Although opposition leaders have already branded the "clarification commission" led by Joseph Ciechanover, the respected former legal adviser to the Defence Ministry and now head of the national airline, El Al, a "whitewash", many Israeli security experts expect it to lead to the resignation of Danny Yatom, who was appointed head of Mossad in 1996.

Mr Netanyahu yesterday rejected outright Israeli press reports that he was already planning to remove Mr Yatom, nicknamed "The Prussian" because of his strict military bearing. Israeli political sources claimed that names of a possible successor were already being discussed.

Because of the sensitive nature of the hearing into the botched attempt by a six-strong Mossad team to murder Khaled Meshaal with a so-far unnamed poison, all hearings by the panel are to take place in camera. Mr Yatom and Mr Netanyahu are due to give evidence in person.

The Government has angrily denied reports in the Western press that Mr Netanyahu forced the Mossad chief against his will and better judgment to go ahead with the mission in the Arab country regarded as the most friendly towards Israel. Israeli political commentators believe that the commission's findings are unlikely to force Mr Netanyahu's resignation because it lacks the "teeth" of a full-scale state commission of inquiry.

According to Eitan Rabin, the military correspondent of the respected Tel Aviv daily *Haaretz*, the main questions to be addressed by the committee will be:

☐ Who gave the final order to carry out the attempt in Amman on September 25 by a hit team travelling on forged Canadian passports? Did Mr Netanyahu force the operation on a reluctant Mr Yatom?

☐ Did Mr Yatom give the Secret Services Committee, which is supposed to approve special operations abroad, all the relevant information?

☐ Were the dire security and diplomatic consequences of the operation's possible failure taken into account?

☐ Why was no orderly discussion held by Military Intelligence and Mossad about Mr Meshaal, who many Israeli security experts have dismissed as a "small fish"?

At least two senior Mossad officials have consulted lawyers about how to present their cases to the committee, much of whose final report is likely to be subject to military censorship and not openly published.

☐ **Killer neglected:** Israel's prison authority yesterday admitted that guards forgot to feed Yitzhak Rabin's assassin for three days over Rosh Hashana, the Jewish new year. Yigal Amir, 27, is serving a life sentence in solitary confinement in a southern Israeli prison for killing the Israeli Prime Minister in 1995. Apparently a guard regularly assigned to Amir was on holiday and no one replaced him. A prison authority spokesman said Amir ate fruits and sweets sent by his family during the holiday.

Castro leads tribute to icon Guevara

From Frances Kerry
in Havana

THOUSANDS of Cubans paid their last respects to Ernesto "Che" Guevara in Havana at the weekend as his remains went on display for three days. Crowds filed past a small wooden box containing the remains of the legendary leftwing guerrilla killed 30 years ago in Bolivia.

The remains, recovered from Bolivia three months ago, went on display inside the José Martí memorial in Revolution Square to mark the beginning of a week of tributes. They will be placed in a mausoleum after a funeral service in the city of Santa Clara on Friday.

Guevara, President Castro's right-hand man in the rebel struggle that led to Cuba's 1959 revolution, was captured by Bolivian troops and executed on October 9, 1967, while leading an abortive guerrilla uprising in Bolivia. The small box containing the remains was draped with a Cuban flag and displayed with caskets containing the remains of six former comrades of Guevara.

Señor Castro began the homage late on Friday, mounting a solemn guard of honour. The Cuban leader, his brother Raúl and the newly elected Politburo and Central Committee went from the close of the Fifth Communist Party Congress to pay their respects, standing for a minute's silence by the casket. Havana has seized on the thirtieth anniversary to revive Guevara's legacy and present him as more relevant than ever to Cuba. *(Reuters)*

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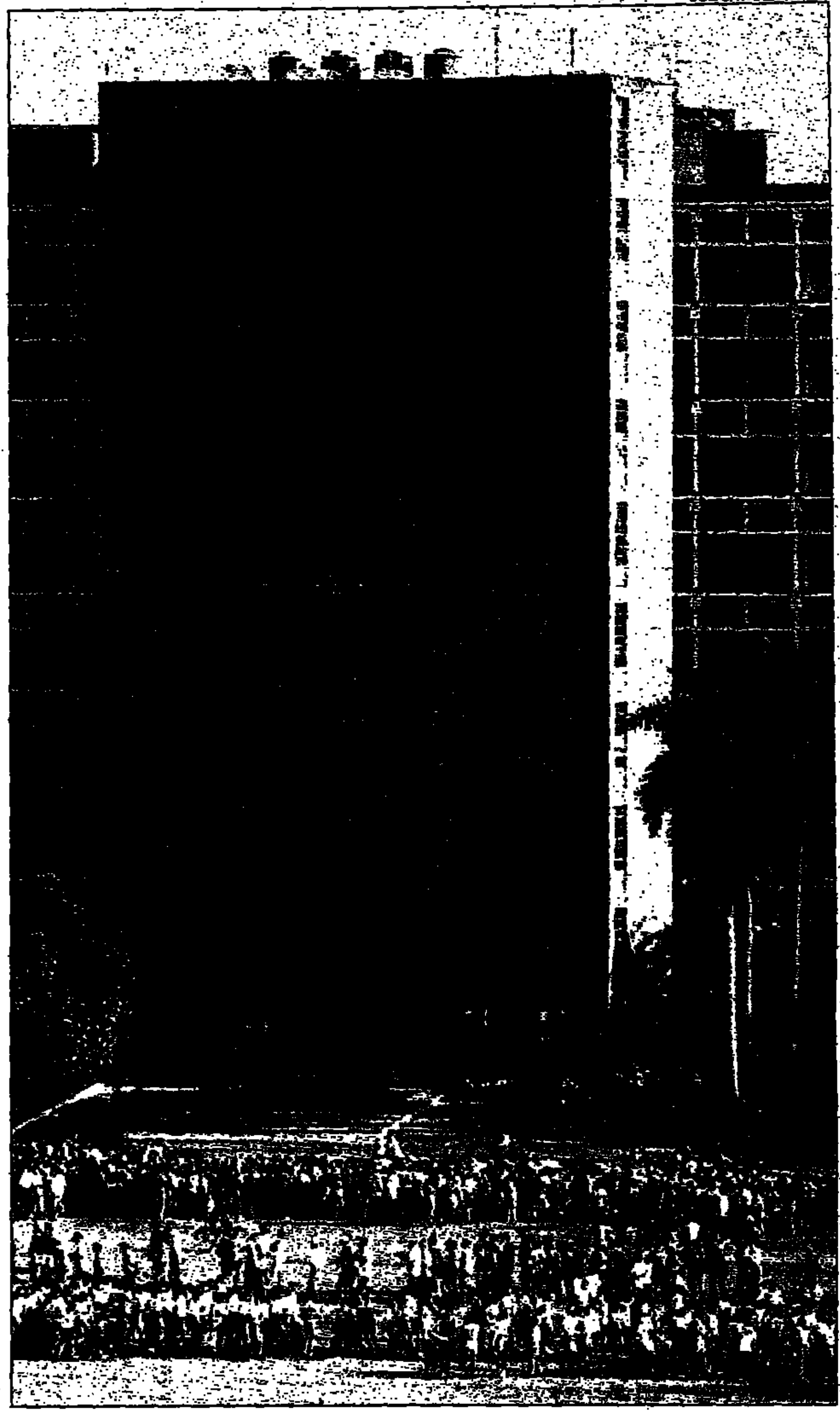

Cubans queue to see the three-day display of the remains of Che Guevara

Chinese workers protest over cuts in pay

From James Pringle
in Beijing

POLICE have clashed with workers in the southwestern Chinese city of Zigong, in Sichuan province, who were blocking traffic to protest against cuts in pay and benefits by their state factory, a rights group said yesterday.

The New York-based monitoring group, Human Rights in China, said the demonstrations took place last Friday, and involved about 300 employees of the No. 2 radio factory. The group said the workers were joined by about 1,000 other people and they blocked a major highway.

About 50 anti-riot police and 200 other security men broke up the protests, according to Human Rights in China. Local police in Zigong, 1,000 miles southwest of Beijing, said that the protests were brought about over several state-run companies that had been declared bankrupt.

The Zigong city government has denied that any demonstration took place. Similar protests have been reported from many inland provinces of China, which have failed to keep up with the economic gains of the coastal regions, where most foreign investment has taken place.

☐ **Pensioner burden:** By 2050 China will have hundreds of millions of people over retirement age who will have to be supported by a relatively smaller workforce produced by the one-child policy of the 1970s. This would place a heavy burden on China's economy, analysts at a demographic symposium in Beijing said yesterday. *(Reuter)*

WORLD IN BRIEF

Judge clears Nasa flight to Saturn

Washington: The spacecraft *Cassini* is set to blast off this morning for Saturn, despite fears about the dangers of its huge load of plutonium fuel (Bronwen Maddox writes). A federal judge gave the go-ahead for Nasa's most ambitious and interplanetary mission, rejecting a suit by two lobby groups that had sought to stop the 11-year, $3.4 billion (£2.1 billion) mission on the ground that the *Cassini* power source of 72lb of plutonium posed an unacceptable threat to the environment. Nasa said that if the rocket exploded on launch, radiation exposure would be minimal. *Cassini* is due to arrive at Saturn in July 2004 after a two-billion-mile voyage.

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Crash victims 'unidentifiable'

The remains of the 73 people on board an Argentine plane which crashed in Uruguay on Friday were so burnt that it was impossible to identify passengers and crew, officials said (Gabriella Gamini writes). The passengers were mainly Argentinians and Paraguayans. "We have recovered only mutilated body parts, so badly burnt that they cannot be identified," said Didier Operetti, the Uruguayan Interior Minister. A search continues for the blackbox of the DC9 belonging to the Austral airline.

US warships arrive in Gulf

Dubai: The US aircraft carrier, *USS Nimitz*, moved into the Gulf with its battle group of six warships for operations near Iraq's volatile border with Iran. The carrier, armed with 50 fighters and more than 20 other fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters, was sent to the Gulf ahead of schedule after tension on the border increased as a result of Iranian air raids on two Iraqi bases of an Iranian guerrilla group. *(Reuters)*

Execution demand for rape

Sanaa: More than 2,000 armed Hadda tribesmen surrounded the southern Yemeni city of Dhamar to demand the execution of four men sentenced to death for gang-raping an 11-year-old boy from their tribe. The tribesmen refused to leave until the executions were carried out. Tribesmen demonstrated in Dhamar on Wednesday when one of the rapists was sentenced to death and the others to 20 years in prison and 100 lashes. An appeal court later sentenced them all to death. *(AP)*

Fresh tremors spare basilica

Assisi: Three sharp earth tremors in six minutes yesterday jolted central Italy. There were no injuries but buildings weakened by last month's earthquake crumbled throughout the region. The heavily damaged St Francis Basilica appeared to weather the tremors without further harm. One structure hit hard was the 15th-century bell tower of Foligno. *(AP)*

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Is the Earth really getting hotter?

SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

MAN-MADE global warming is increasingly accepted as a fact. The most recent expert to give it his imprimatur is the Government's Chief Scientist, Sir Robert May. Pretty soon, it seems safe to say, politicians will be justifying higher taxes on fuels on the ground that the future of the world depends on cutting the output of carbon dioxide. Yet there are still a few awkward problems with the theory that refuse to go away.

The most striking remains the actual temperature measurements over the past century. At ground level, they have risen by between 0.3 and 0.6C, significantly less than computer models of the atmosphere would have predicted. But even this relatively small increase is thrown into doubt by measurements of the temperature of the lower atmosphere taken by satellites looking down from space, which show no increase at all over the past 20 years, or even a slight decline.

Naturally, the satellite measurements have been subjected to some tough critical analysis. Errors are alleged to have arisen because the temperatures have been measured not by a single satellite but by a series, whose instruments were imperfectly calibrated. When one took over from another errors arose, and actual increases in temperature went undetected. In other words, the satellite data are wrong and can be disregarded.

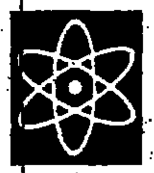
Not so, say the satellite's champions, Dr John Christy, of the University of Alabama, and Dr Roy Spencer of the American space agency Nasa's Marshall Space Flight Centre in Alabama. In a recent issue of *Nature*, they rebut the criticisms by pointing out that not only have careful intercalibrations between the satellites proved that they are measuring the same thing, but that the satellite temperatures have been confirmed by balloon-borne observations of exactly the same part of the atmosphere. The results, they say, show that the satellite temperatures are accurate to three one hundredths of a degree (0.03C).

So what is going on? Christy and Spencer do not deny that increases in carbon dioxide should have some effect on the Earth's temperature, but they believe that the effect is tiny compared with other processes. Among these is the presence in the atmosphere of water vapour, a far more powerful greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, and extremely variable both in space and time. They suggest that the temperature of the lower atmosphere is not determined by the balance between incoming solar radiation and outgoing infra-red radiation, as the models require, but by processes of evaporation and convection which transfer heat to the upper troposphere. Once there, it can more easily escape because it is above the heat-trapping water vapour.

Despite the satellite's inability to detect evidence of global warming, it does show up the fluctuations in temperature caused by volcanic eruptions and the El Niño effect. Infra-red images from satellites also show extremely dry areas of the atmosphere over the Tropics which, the scientists speculate, may be "chimneys" that allow heat to radiate freely into space. The effects of these areas of dry troposphere are not well understood, nor are they effectively incorporated into the computer models of global warming.

In an ideal world, this clash of evidence would be sorted out before we embrace carbon taxes, with all the implications they have for future prosperity. But most experts seem prepared to disregard the satellite data.

Cosmic ray theory is challenged



AT THE risk of disappointing science fiction enthusiasts, a team of physicists has concluded that there are no huge reservoirs of antimatter lurking in far-flung reaches of the Universe. It is obvious that our immediate neighbourhood consists of matter, but is this only a local effect? Maybe, some cosmologists have speculated, the Big Bang created equal amounts of matter and antimatter, which were then separated so fast by the rapid growth of the Universe that they were never able to annihilate each other completely.

If so, one would expect to see evidence of the annihilation left behind from the very early Universe. An obvious candidate is the glow of gamma rays that pervades the sky. But Andy Cohen, of Boston University, Alvaro de Rujula, of the European Particle Physics Laboratory CERN, and Sheldon Glashow, of Harvard, seem to have scotched the idea in a paper to be published in *Astrophysical Journal*.

They calculate that if the gamma ray glow had been caused by matter-antimatter annihilation, it would be at least five times brighter. The calculation makes it unlikely that an experiment to be flown on the space shuttle in May in search of antimatter cosmic rays will succeed. If it does, the team will have to think again.

Why some birds avoid short cuts

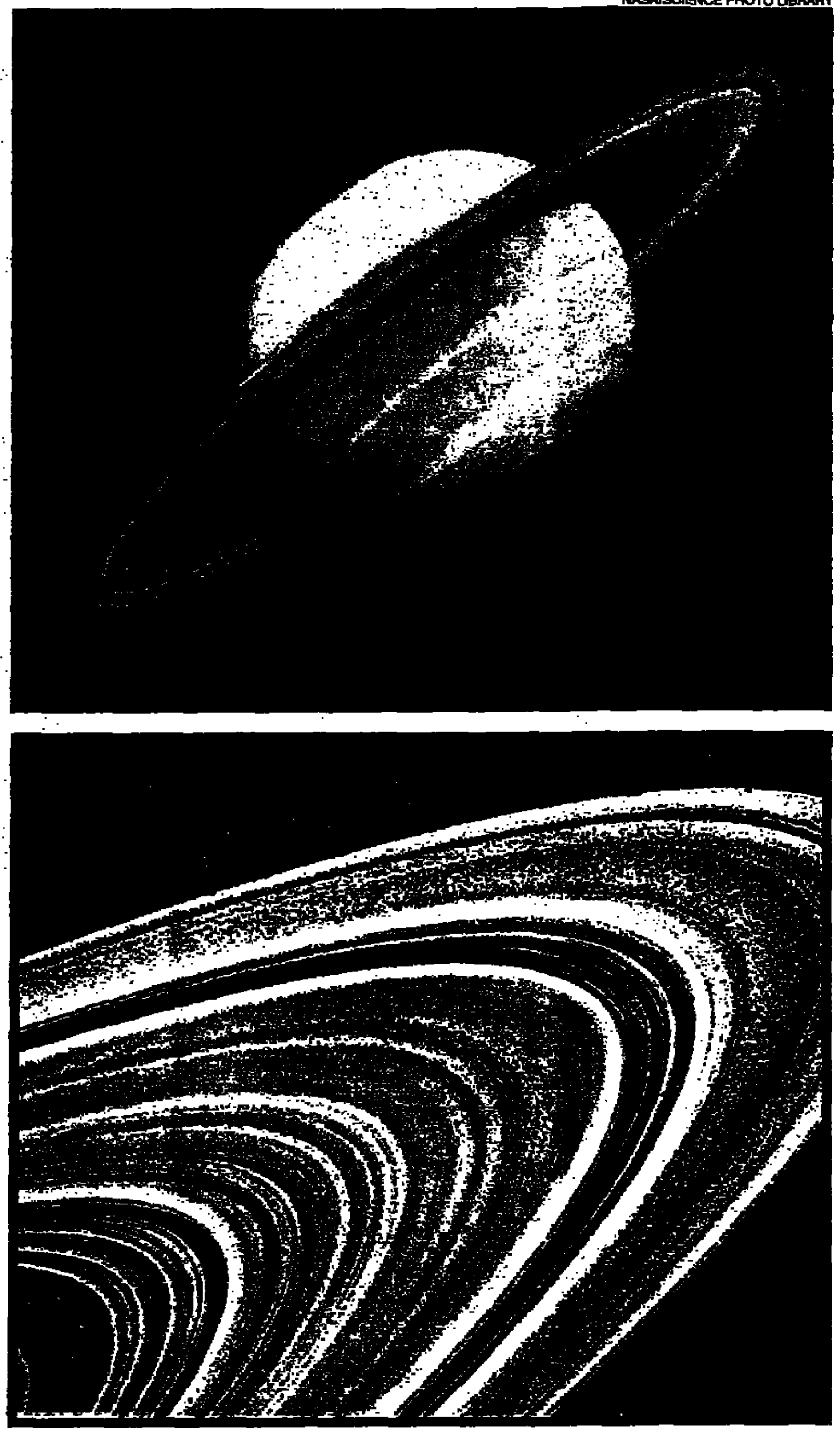
WOODLAND birds go to great trouble to avoid crossing open areas of land, experiments in Canada have shown. They are quite prepared to take a roundabout route even if it is much longer, presumably because sticking to the trees offers them greater protection from hawks.

André Desroches, of Laval University in Sainte-Foy, Quebec, and Susan Hannon, of the University of Alberta, tried to coax a variety of birds across gaps in the forest, ranging from seven metres up to 160 metres by playing them taped bird calls. They found that nuthatches, chickadees, warblers, kinglets and vireos were happy to cross gaps of up to 30 metres but became increasingly reluctant to do so as the gaps widened. They were eight times more likely to choose a longer, sheltered route than cross a 100-metre gap, for example.

Going further is costly in energy terms, but limits exposure to predators, the naturalists speculate in *Conservation Biology*. The finding could be useful in giving guidance to forestry companies and loggers anxious to preserve woodland birds, and emphasise the dangers of fragmenting forests by felling huge strips. It also lends some support to the idea that "corridors" of unfelled forest are valuable to wildlife.

Voyage to Saturn

The biggest planetary explorer of all lifts off on a seven-year journey to Saturn and its 18 moons. Anjana Ahuja reports



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Saturn, the solar system's most beautiful planet; and an enhanced picture of the rings

The Huygens space probe cost £267 million to build. That makes every second of the three hours of data it will beam back to Earth worth £25,000. It may seem an extraordinary price tag for a series of bleeps from a distant moon, but the scientific value is impossible to quantify. For Huygens will afford human beings the first detailed look at Titan, the largest moon in orbit around Saturn.

Titan has long aroused curiosity because its atmosphere contains nitrogen, carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, the elements that constitute life on Earth. The composition is thought to mirror the atmosphere on Earth before living organisms appeared. Biologists hope that uncovering the chemical cycles operating on Titan will instruct their own theories about the evolution of terrestrial life.

Huygens, built by the European Space Agency, is the centrepiece of the *Cassini* mission, the last in a procession of glorious bottomless-budget Nasa space voyages that began with *Mariner* in the Sixties and Seventies, and continued with the *Viking*, *Voyager*, *Pioneer*, *Ulysses*, *Magellan* and *Galileo* missions. *Cassini* is the biggest planetary explorer of them all.

There is substantial British involvement. A device developed by Imperial College, London, will measure the planet's powerful magnetic field; an elaborate camera devised by Queen Mary and Westfield College will take 300,000 snapshots. The University of Kent at Canterbury led a consortium that developed the instruments for Huygens, and the probe will use British-designed parachutes to approach Titan.

Due to lift off from Cape Canaveral today, *Cassini* will take seven years to reach Saturn, the second largest, but most beautiful, planet in our midst. The ship is named after Jean-Dominique Cassini, a French-Italian astronomer who studied Saturn in the 17th century and discovered four of the 18 moons.

The Huygens probe is named in honour of Christiaan Huygens, the Dutchman who discovered Titan in 1655 and first noted that the planet was "surrounded by a thin ring not adhering to the planet at any point and inclined to the ecliptic".

During its cruise, the *Cassini* orbiter will gain momentum by making four planetary flybys. It will skim Venus twice, in April 1998 and June 1999, Earth in August 1999 and Jupiter in December 2000. On arrival at Saturn in the summer of 2004, it will scrutinise the planet, its famous rings and its 18 moons.

In November 2004, *Cassini* will release the Huygens probe into the soupy orange fog surrounding Titan. When jettisoned, Huygens will freefall towards the moon. It will awaken after a seven-year sleep to yield 2½ hours of data while it parachutes through the atmosphere, and will spend just half an hour studying the surface of the moon itself.

The probe will reveal exactly which gases are in the fog, and how much sunlight penetrates the haze to reach the surface. The role of ultraviolet sunlight is especially important — it appears to be producing complex organic chemicals in the atmosphere.

Scientists, who have deduced that the moon is composed of half rock and half water-ice and has a surface temperature of minus 180C, do not know whether Huygens will splash down into an ocean or crash into a solid surface. The moon also boasts large amounts of methane in solid, liquid and gas forms — the probe could breathe its last in a vast methane lake.

The *Cassini* orbiter, meanwhile, is expected to circle the planet more than 70 times and swing by Titan on 45 occasions, mapping its surface through the clouds using radar. The spacecraft will send back information about magnetic fields, the abundance of charged particles, and the chemical composition of the rings and moons.

Brief flybys of Saturn by *Voyager* and *Pioneer* spacecraft in the late Seventies and early Eighties revealed that the seven rings are slender bands of fine debris, studded with chunks of ice and rock. The flybys also showed that some of the rings were, in reality, many ringlets braided together.

The astonishing diversity of moons will also come under examination. Enceladus boasts a perfectly smooth surface composed of pure water ice; one side of Iapetus, mysteriously, is black; Mimas and Tethys are scored with impact craters and deep trenches.

It has taken 17 nations 15 years to bring the mission to fruition. The entire cost is estimated at £2.1 billion, which includes the cost of Huygens and its operational expenditure over its 11-year lifespan. Yet there have been numerous attempts to prevent the mammoth mission.

Protests have focused on the fact that *Cassini*, like other space missions before it, will be powered by the radioactive decay of non-weapons-grade plutonium. At dispute are the three radioisotope thermoelectric generators (RTGs). Each is filled with 72 ceramic pellets of plutonium oxide; these emit alpha rays as the plutonium decays. The release of these rays produces heat, which in turn is converted to electricity to provide propulsion, and to power the 18 on-board instruments.

The main worries are that *Cassini* is carrying the largest amount of plutonium ever sent into space (about 32 kg); it will be launched by a Titan IV rocket, which has a one in 20 failure rate; the spacecraft will graze Earth during a flyby in August 1999.

Nasa has responded by conducting numerous risk analyses. These show that a person is more likely to be hit by an asteroid than suffer exposure to harmful radiation; the chances of plutonium being released during the flyby are fewer than one in a million; alpha rays can be blocked by clothing, so the oxide is likely to pose a hazard only if ingested. The pellets are encased in iridium shells, which have been designed to withstand an explosion at launch.

It would be next to impossible to use solar power — Saturn lies more than nine times as far from the Sun as the Earth. The solar energy reaching the ringed planet is only a hundredth of that which falls on Earth. Experts estimate that *Cassini* would require solar panels the size of two tennis courts; such an array would make the craft too unwieldy to launch.

The final decision to send *Cassini* to Saturn came from the White House, just over a week ago.

Professor David Southwood, the principal investigator for the Imperial College magnetometer, is among those breathing sighs of relief. He first became involved in the concept of a satellite visiting Saturn in 1980, and he guesses he will be analysing data from it until 2010. "That's 30 years of my life so it's an enormous emotional involvement," he says.

The scientific spin-offs, Professor Southwood thinks, will be tremendous. "Saturn and its moons are like a miniature solar system," he says. "It gives us another shot at investigating how our own solar system evolved.

"And, in Titan, we have the primeval soup that preceded life on Earth. For us, a trip to Titan is a trip to the beginning of time."

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Why I chose to have an abortion

Married, middle-class and financially secure. So why should one want to terminate a pregnancy? **Debbie Beckerman** explains

ALAN WELLER

Debbie Beckerman, mother of two: "If I had still been trying to have a family, or complete one, I would have put myself through all sorts of hoops to have a healthy child"

Recently, I had an abortion. I still cannot quite believe it has happened. I know I am not the first middle-class, married woman with *children to have done so, but I* do not know of anyone else in my situation. Abortions are either for young girls who become pregnant because they forgot to take the Pill (or took no precautions at all), or for *married women who discover* that their foetus has a serious abnormality and feel they cannot face life with a disabled child. Why else would anyone terminate the life of a child?

For plenty of reasons, actually, but somehow the subject is not discussed in polite *society. I suspect* many friends and family will be deeply shocked (despite what they might say to my face) that I took this course of action.

Somehow, abortion is not discussed in polite society

There is almost *something* naughty about saying you are going to have a baby but that (giggle, giggle) it was a complete accident. It is almost as if *you are saying that you have* such an energetic sex life that *you cannot* be expected to be careful 100 per cent of the time, or that you just cannot break off your session of erotica to sort yourself out by taking that Pill or whatever.

When I found I was a week overdue, *I was fairly certain I* could not possibly be preg*nant*. Nevertheless, I trotted off to the chemist to buy a pregnancy test, which I casually did after lunch, fully expecting to be back at my desk five minutes later after a negative outcome. I was therefore completely struck dumb with horror as the dreaded *blue line started appearing* within seconds, and got stronger. After double-checking the instructions (as if I needed to), I realised there was no avoiding the fact that I was pregnant. I then spent the next few hours not working, my head in a spin, my heart in turmoil and my nose in my various pregnancy books, though even at the time I was not sure what *I was looking* for. *Miriam* Stoppard is hardly going to include a chapter on abortion in her book about pregnancy and childcare. Miscarriage, yes; abortion, no.

I knew instinctively that I did not want to keep the embryo. I already had two *healthy children* but certainly did not plan to have any more. I was surprised at the strength of my feelings, as up until then I had always thought that I would keep any further children I might accidentally conceive (*unlikely though that* seemed; it had taken me many months to conceive each of my two children, so I assumed I did not fall pregnant easily). But whichever way I looked at it, *things were not in* favour of continuing the pregnancy. My two children were still toddlers and both were demanding. I did not want to give them even less time *than they already had with me* by giving them another sibling (and that sibling would necessarily receive even less undivided attention than its brother and sister were getting). Some parents manage perfectly well and cope wonderfully with a house full of *toddlers and I remain in* awe of them; but I know, if I am *honest*, that I do not fall into that category of parent. I work (part-time), I like to have a modicum of time for myself and for my husband, as well as time and energy to devote what feels to me like proper attention to each child (not firefighting and shouting at *them in turns to keep things* vaguely under control) and I genuinely did not think it would help our family's equilibrium to add another child — at this stage, at least.

My overriding concern, however, was with the pregnancy itself and the baby's possible welfare. Both my children were premature, the second requiring several *weeks in the special-care baby* unit, and I know there is a medical reason for me having early babies. I simply could not face the prospect of having, in all likelihood, another early birth, of requiring possible emergency medical intervention and, above all, of risking the health of the child. I know *all too well that not all babies* who go into that unit come out *with a clean bill of health, and* I also knew that I did not want to go through the months of intense worry that would follow this newly discovered pregnancy. If I had still been trying to have a family, or to complete one, I would no doubt have felt very differently and would have been willing *to put myself through all sorts* of hoops to have a healthy *child. But why risk it, when I* did not want any more children anyway?

All these thoughts kept racing through my mind that Monday afternoon while I sat there in total shock, wondering what to do. I considered not telling my husband, hav*ing a quickie abortion (wasn't* that what those so-called lunchtime abortions were all about?) and taking the secret with me to my grave. I ruled that out fairly quickly, deciding that I could never look him in the eye again if I concealed such a thing from him.

After his initial bewilderment when I told him the news *over dinner* that *evening* (the time I usually choose to drop my bombshells, according to him), he mercifully agreed with me that termination was the only solution. Children were wonderful, of that we *needed no convincing*. However, the downside so out*weighed the upside that* we kept coming back, inexorably, to the same conclusion — it simply was not responsible for us to have another child.

My GP was very supportive and, as I was able to pay for *private treatement*, I *then* went off to the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS), which arranged the whole process. Despite my fears, they could not have been nicer. First, there is an initital straightforward, though thorough, consultation. All the staff try to reduce the feeling of anonymity to a minimum — which is more than the medical profession manages on many occasions. There is no *pressure to think again*, although the counsellor who sees you gives you every opportunity to discuss the whole situation if you wish and is at pains to point out that the BPAS provides care and counselling after the event and not just before (not something *I was aware of*). *At no time* was I made to feel irres*ponsible, immoral, stupid, hu*miliated — all those things you fear you might feel (or be made to feel just to make sure you are put off ever having another abortion).

A few days later, feeling sick from anxiety and morning sickness, which was already taking hold, I arrived at the clinic ready to put an end to my *pregnancy. I was* intrigued by the women in the *waiting room with me. Some* looked nervous, others not. Each of us was a little island — there was precious little eye contact and certainly no verbal communication. We were all going to do the same thing — end the life of a potential child — and this was hardly the time to strike up conversation. A couple of women were accom*panied by a husband or* boyfriend, and a few had girlfriends with them. *Most*, like myself, were alone.

I had decided I did not want my husband there as *this* would *only make* me *more* likely to cave in to emotion and, in any event, he would not be allowed on the ward, which is where I might have wanted someone to talk to. One by one, we were called up and disappeared to our allotted bed. But once again, the *staff could not have* done more for us. As the inevitable hour approached, I still kept wondering what I was doing there — surely this was not me about to make this momentous decision? Would I panic at the last minute, burst into tears, change my mind, even? Would others do so? Would I hear sobs coming from hospital trolleys?

Even my husband agreed that it was the only solution

I was wheeled down to theatre by two cheerful young *women, and was succumbing* to the anaesthetic. I had opted for a general one as I was not sure I would cope with being aware of the whole procedure as it was being done. Suddenly, I was awake again, lying *next to the young woman I had* seen earlier in the waiting room (one of the two who had a man with them). *Relief* that it was all over broke the ice and *the four of us found ourselves* chatting to each other, albeit *dozily, on our trolleys*. It was quite surreal.

Half an hour later, back in our beds, much-needed comfort tea, biscuits and sandwiches came round and, before long, we were all up and dressed and *sipping* yet more tea in the day room, *waiting to be col*lected. We all opened up to each other as we finally realised it was over. The women I spoke to were all intelligent, articulate working women. Several were in their thirties *(one was 40* and married) and all had terminated the pregnancy for utterly sound reasons. Three, for example, were living in rented accommodation with flatmates. They couldn't afford to rent on their own and certainly did not want to abandon their careers and go on benefit. What right does anyone have to insist that these women have a child they had not planned and that mother and child should then *suffer the consequences of* likely poverty? Not one was an irresponsible airhead who had not thought the situation through. On the contrary, all *had sadly come to the conclu*sion, after much agonising, that, *for whatever reason*, it would have been unfair to bring a child into the world at that time in their lives.

Some may view these women as immoral, others as deeply moral and responsible. *Whatever camp one belongs* to, the idea that most women who have abortions are silly teenagers who got caught out, or older women who opt for a medically necessary termination, is far from the truth. We all confessed, in that day room, that we, too, had had an *erroneous view of the typical* "terminator", and agreed it was time the taboos *were* removed. Abortion is a private and painful decision and no one should have to talk about it. Equally, one should not be ashamed of revealing the truth. The more women do so, *the less it will* frighten those who have no other option.

As a footnote, the greatest irony of all was reserved for me as I waited for a cab to take me to the clinic on the day of the abortion. My nanny, who had been told she would have problems conceiving, an*nounced she was* pregnant. Her child is due in May, when mine would have been, too.

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‘French women are difficult — I like difficult women’

Grace Bradberry talks to Ewan McGregor, on the brink of being Britain's big new name

DARREN MICHAELS

McGregor says *A Life Less Ordinary* is riskier than *Trainspotting*: "I think it's risky *because* it's an American romantic comedy"

As a drama student, Ewan McGregor once *had* to be a cup of coffee. "How do you do that? And why should it matter?" he recalls incredulously. Whatever the point of the exercise, you can bet he did it with charisma, just as today, in a characterless suite in London's Intercontinental Hotel, he is doing "Young Star Opens Bottle of Coke," and giving a magnetic performance.

"I might have a Coke," he says, wandering to the carefully laid breakfast table. "Do you want one? Oh, of course, there's no bottle opener," he says, looking helpless. They have waiters for that here. "Yeah, I know, but I don't want to bother anybody." He returns to the sofa, and levers the bottle open using the gold edge of the coffee table.

The action is gleefully subversive but McGregor makes no acknowledgement, warming instead to his explanation of why *A Life Less Ordinary*, his latest film with the team that made *Shallow Grave* and *Trainspotting*, should be riskier than those two darker, more shocking movies. "That's why, I think, because people expect it to be what it's not. I think it's risky *because* it's an American romantic comedy."

McGregor, 26, plays Robert, a sacked office cleaner seeking revenge, who kidnaps the boss's rich daughter Celine, played by Cameron Diaz. Holly Hunter and Delroy Lindo play two angels who are told they face expulsion from Heaven unless they make the couple fall in love. It's a delightful, funny, rather old-fashioned film, which plays heavily on the chemistry between McGregor and Diaz.

Is McGregor worried that a mainstream film might lose him his cutting-edge reputation, acquired through his portrayal of Mark Renton, the heroin addict in *Trainspotting*?

"Oh no. And there's no *way* you could say it's mainstream. I mean it's *not*. Nor do I go round worrying about my image in any way," he says, a bit belligerently.

Since leaving the Guildhall early for a part in Dennis Potter's *Lipstick on Your Collar*, he has had leading roles in Peter Greenaway's *The Pillow Book*, the film version of *Emma* and *Nightwatch*, a Hollywood thriller. He has also starred in *ER*, and has two more films, *The Serpent's Kiss*, a period thriller, and *Velvet Goldmine*, a glamrock film, completed but not released.

In 1999, this impressive list will be overshadowed by the movie event of the millennium: the new *Star Wars* trilogy, in which McGregor plays the second lead, the young Obi-Wan Kenobi. His fame is about to go intergalactic, but for now we think of him in the same way as other Britpack luminaries. One pictures them hanging out together. "Oh yeah, ha ha ha," he laughs, amused.

So do they? "Not really. I see people from *Oasis* now and again," he volunteers. It turns out that the previous week, doing publicity in New York, he spent an evening in their dressing room backstage at *Saturday Night Live*. "But only in a star-struck way. I sit there going, 'It's ****** Oasis!' I'm not one of the team," he says.

Already bigger than Colin Firth, but not yet in the Daniel Day-Lewis league, McGregor remains very much the Scottish-boy-made-good. Despite being the most fashionable movie star we have, he clearly does not give a damn about looking cool. He is wearing tight black jeans, popular in the late 1980s, and white striped trainers. His hair is unfashionably spiky. In conversation, he is normal, good-natured and entertainingly cocky. He also has a good line in sarcasm.

The demeanour, coupled with the bleary Scottish burr, is misleadingly naive. Before he began filming *A Life Less Ordinary*, he made out to a male journalist that he couldn't remember Diaz's name. "I was trying to be cool. It's embarrassing when men gush about someone like that. What they're fishing for is, 'She's ****** amazing,' which now I can tell you she is. But I'd only seen her in *The Mask* — and I hated *The Mask* — but of course I remembered her, ha ha ha."

When we meet, he is watching his language after an interview in *The Face* riddled with four-letter words. "I *like* swearing," he grins. "But I was really *embarrassed*. My Dad was phoning and saying, 'Ewan, you've got to stop swearing when you're doing interviews.' I said, 'Oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry.' You forget, they're sitting up in Scotland and all their friends are reading it. All my teachers . . ." His headmaster read it. His father was mortified.

McGregor attended Morrison's Academy, a private school in Crieff, Perthshire, where his father teaches games. Being a public schoolboy, he has a line in rich vernacular that is surprising, though he is appalled by this connection. "Being a public schoolboy! What does *that* mean?"

At school he played the French horn, and appeared on Grampian Television, wiping his nose on his sleeve between each passage of Mozart because he thought it looked cool: "They had to keep cutting to the pianist." For years his father entertained Ewan's girlfriends with the video.

Ewan left at 16, knowing that he wanted to act. His parents agreed, partly because he had become moody and depressed: "I didn't realise at the time, but apparently I was." He has said before that he had become labelled as someone with an "attitude problem". So what happened?

"I started having problems with one particular teacher. She was a Jean Brodie type. We'd been quite close, but then she started pushing me in a particular direction. Anyway, I started answering back and she kept sending me to the headmaster ... The whole thing became *embarrassing*."

Ten years on, he is not only famous, but also married — to Eve Mavrakis, a French set designer. She and their 20-month-old daughter Clara, move with him wherever he is filming. They rented a house near Salt Lake City for the three-month shoot of *A Life Less Ordinary*. Diaz also rented one in town. Her boyfriend, Matt Dillon, was around. On set, Diaz and McGregor had adjoining trailers, striking up a warm friendship.

It was quite a moment for a boy from Scotland to see there: ‘Jedi McGregor’

"You hear terrible stories about actresses in Hollywood demanding three trailers, and I was hoping that she wasn't starry and she isn't. You can see on screen that we're having a good time. The romance is heightened, and there's a real warmth in our scenes I think, because we're genuinely enjoying doing them."

McGregor seems able to build this kind of chemistry while simultaneously adoring his wife. He has just bought a house in St John's Wood for a reported £1.25 million. Are the reports true? "None of your business!" he says, peeved. "I wouldn't discuss how much it cost with *anybody*," he adds, more emolliently.

McGregor was 24 when he married Mavrakis, who is seven years his senior. They met while filming *Kavanagh QC*, not *Scarlet and Black*, as has often been reported. That was an earlier French girlfriend. "My wife would *love* it if you could clear that up," he says, chuckling. So what is it with French women? "They're difficult. I *like* difficult women," he laughs, and who can tell if he's serious.

Would he, at 20, have imagined marrying so young? "No, no, never. I had this *amazing* bachelor pad in Primrose Hill. The things that went on there. . . ." But then he began to feel low. "So I wasn't very satisfied with it any more, and then I met Eve and it really did feel very, very different. And we wanted to get married, so we got married. Then I got really, *really excited about having* children, and I wasn't wrong to be so excited."

He was there at the birth. "And that was extraordinary. *That's something you can't* put into words. We'd been in there, 24-hour labour, Caesarean section at the end ... it was the longest emotional experience of my life, ha ha ha, you know, and then they send you home. And I thought, 'No, you can't . . . What am I meant to do when I get home?' So I got home and opened the door, and it was like walking into somebody else's life.

"I phoned a lot of people, crying down the phone to my parents, at 6.30am [screeching and wailing]. And they were like . . . [screeching and wailing]. Lots of crying people. Lots of people asleep as well. [Bleary voice:] 'Oh that's good, that's good.' [Shouting:] 'No, but I just went through this ****** thing.' [Bleary voice:] 'Aye, anyway, I'll speak to you later, it's five in the morning.' "

You can't help feeling he has no idea how much his life is about to change again. For the moment, he is still consumed by the thrill of being in such a *mythical movie as Star Wars*. "The first day I got dressed properly it was quite a moment for a boy from Scotland to stand there and look in the mirror: 'Jedi McGregor'." His older brother flies Tornados in the RAF. "Mad bastard, he's really fast." So he won't be as impressed by *Star Wars*? "He will be *deadly* impressed. Things like Cameron Diaz *really ***** him off. I had* to get her to sign a picture for him, which he has above his bed." The marital bed.

A wicked sense of humour obviously runs in the family.

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TOMORROW

‘I lost a summer and had to postpone my wedding.’
Jason Cowley on being a Booker Prize judge

Why you're never too old to tell a lie

Joe Joseph calls time on reluctant wrinklies

THERE MUST be very few things sadder than pretending to be younger than you actually are just because you are too embarrassed — as 100-year-old Ina Marshall of East Kilbride has been for most of her life — to own up to your real age. I know that I'm not alone in holding this view, because many other boys in my sixth form think this way, too.

Ina was the woman who camouflaged her age so as to spare her husband, John, the awkwardness of being married to an older woman. John discovered only last week that he had been a toyboy for the past 80 years, when his and Ina's joint 98th birthday party was interrupted by the arrival of a telegram from the Queen, dramatically exposing his wife as a centenarian (from the Latin "centum", or "stinking", and "Arian" meaning "white liar").

But what is it that makes people lie so shamelessly? Often, it is a fear of younger people's attitude to those older than themselves, because — sadly — many people look at a 90-year-old and see only a creased body that looks as if it's just emerged from a powerful Hotpoint spin cycle. I know I do.

Yet that still doesn't stop me from looking forward to the rewards that growing old brings — including finally being able to abandon the pretence of always having to be smarter than your children. (Obviously, I don't mean *your* children, whom I've probably never met, but *my* children.) Even the apparent downsides of old age carry blessings. Take fading memory, which will be a Godsend if it means I get to erase all the words of *Chirpy Chirpy Cheep Cheep* from my brain. Remember, also, that many people are fully appreciated only when they actually become old: Ronald Reagan and Sir Edward Heath, for example, are liked much more now they have reached an age that ends all chance of their holding high office again.

OF COURSE, many people fear admitting to themselves that they are getting older because they dread the thought of not being able to do all the things they once did. But the great thing about ageing is that when you get older you find you don't even want to do those things any more. Already by the age of ten you don't want to ride your tricycle any more, which you would never have imagined at, say, four. When you're 30, the idea of missing large chunks of a movie just for a snog seems pretty dumb. When I'm 80 I'm looking forward to being able to cut short all conversations with pleasant strangers trying to be friendly, because, really, what's the point? Eighty, thankfully, is just too old to start making new friends.

Best of all, as a centenarian you hold a rare position in society inasmuch as you are one of the very few people who can still legitimately regard Mick Jagger as a young rock'n'roller. And if you still feel queasy about getting old, just remember this: it is a statistically proven fact that you will never be as old as William Hague. Not even Ina.

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A great shortlist for the Booker . . . of 1847

MELVYN BRAGG

This is the exotic week of the two Bookers. One in the City of London to anoint the Booker novel of 1997. The other in the city of Cheltenham for the novel of 1847. In both cases it will be a damned close-run thing.

This year's Booker list has been shrugged off and slagged off in a manner which this annual literary contest must long have got used to. Shrugging off is par for the course, as is slagging off, deriding, scorning and bemoaning. This is called the literary life.

I was informed by a literary man of massive gravitas that the literary editor of a monumentally literary broadsheet had declared himself against this year's Booker list — even though, under some (though only slight) pressure, he conceded that he had not read a single novel on the list. Few can aspire to such pure judgment, so unclouded, so uncorrupted. But of course I disbelieve my informant, despite his gravitas, knowing that such a thing could never be Literary London and this was no more than yet another canard engendered by the fever of emotions stirred by this famous literary prize.

Of course our literary editor might have been momentarily angry because some of his favourites were not shortlisted. In this, if true, he is a real man of the people, for anger at omissions is common to all of us.

Two novels I have read this year certainly "deserved" to be on the shortlist: Bernard MacLaverty's *Grace Notes* and Jim Crace's *Quarantine*. But alas, like 60 million others, I am not a judge. Having read all six shortlisted books I would claim that two are a worthy match for several of the winners over the past 28 years. That, though, is just my opinion.

And that is the devil of it. We are in the hands of mere opinion. It is clearly barking mad to attempt final judgments on paintings, songs, books or anything artistic that moves. Dogs, my dog breeding friends tell me, are different: there are points to be observed and ticked off. Experiments, scientific acquaintances say, are also different: there are proofs to be had. But art by the yard or by the theorem is a slippery business at best.

Yet merrily we roll along dishing out judgments. Provided everyone accepts that it is a game, but one which can be played with a certain intelligence and a sense of fairness, then not too many pates get broken. I do not envy tomorrow night's judges, but I would be very surprised if, in a few years' time, the winner does not settle down comfortably alongside most of the other Booker winners.

Yet go back 150 years, glide gently westward from the City of London tomorrow night to Cheltenham's Literature Festival next Sunday, and you will find an instructive comparison. In 1994 Ion Trewin, publisher and bookman, had the clever idea of doing a Booker prize for the class of 1894. I was one of those who took part. There were six of us, and John Coldstream who set the year in context.

Each of us took a book of that year, discussed it in front of the Cheltenham audience, retired to vote, voted while the public also voted, and returned to proclaim *Esther Waters* by George Moore the winner. (I would have gone for *The Jungle Book* and might even have said so had there been an 1894 paper on hand to gripe to.) 1895 was won by *Jude the Obscure* which was my choice, so I was silent and serene and perfectly content with the judging process. H.G. Wells's *Island of Doctor Moreau* triumphed in 1896 (I was much surprised that *Outcast of the Islands* was not in there!).

But look at the line-up for an astutely chosen 1847. *Dombey and Son* by Dickens; *Vanity Fair* by William Thackeray; *The Macdermots of Ballycloran* by Trollope — and then the Three Bells, later known as the Brontës: Emily with *Wuthering Heights*, Charlotte with *Jane Eyre* and Anne with *Agnes Grey*. This is a list of glory.

Of course there was a touch of hindsight here among the pre-judges. The long list of 112 novels endured by today's judges was abjured and there was no calling in of late favours. Just — *just* these six. The panel besides Ion Trewin is Victoria Glendinning, Malcolm Bradbury, Clare Tomalin, Roy Hattersley and myself. We will be racked with the wonder and the wonderful ridiculousness of it all.

What terrific fun to contest the claims of Dickens and Thackeray, whose *Vanity Fair* was said in 1847 to overleap the great Dickens. What fine scalpels will be needed to slice through the comparative sibling qualities of the increasingly more extraordinary Brontës; and who can deny the power of that Tyrannosaurus rex of 19th-century literature, Anthony Trollope?

Those rare but increasingly numerous people who inhabit literary festivals will undoubtedly even now be reading, sorry, re-reading all six of these novels. But the hard question has to be asked. Would not a Booker Prize in 1847 with all its attendant publicity have made the name and the reputations of Messrs Dickens, Thackeray, Trollope, Bell Bell and Bell? Would they not now take up even more shelf space in libraries, and encroach into even more than 50 per cent of the paperback space in the latest gilded bookshops, had Booker's benison been then what it is now? Where was Booker when it was needed to speed these writers on their way? We shall never know, but we can be thankful that at last in Cheltenham they will have their day.

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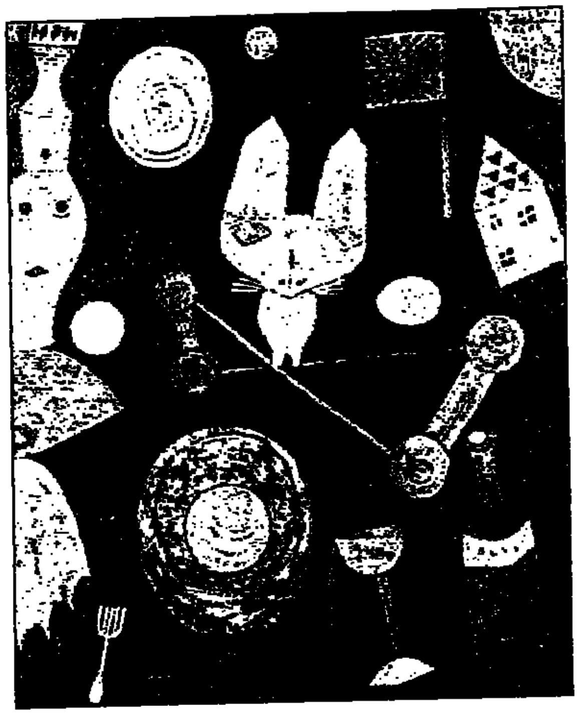

Balancing act

Richard Cork's daily guide to the Hayward Gallery's new still lifes

■ **PAUL KLEE:** *Colourful Meal, 1928*

EVERYTHING in this canvas seems as playful and innocent as a child's painting. The assembled objects appear to be dancing, and their brightness looks jaunty against the blackness behind. After a while, though, the festiveness falters. The wine spilling from the glass induces a seasick mood. The bilious orange face on the left looks apprehensive, and the miniature house teetering on the other side might well keel over. Intoxication can easily turn into queasiness. Klee takes a puckish delight in hovering between both states, like the strange pink creature balanced precariously on a wire at the centre. Is the blackness beyond a tablecloth, or the infinity of a night sky? Klee does not tell us, but his deceptive picture keeps both possibilities up in the air.

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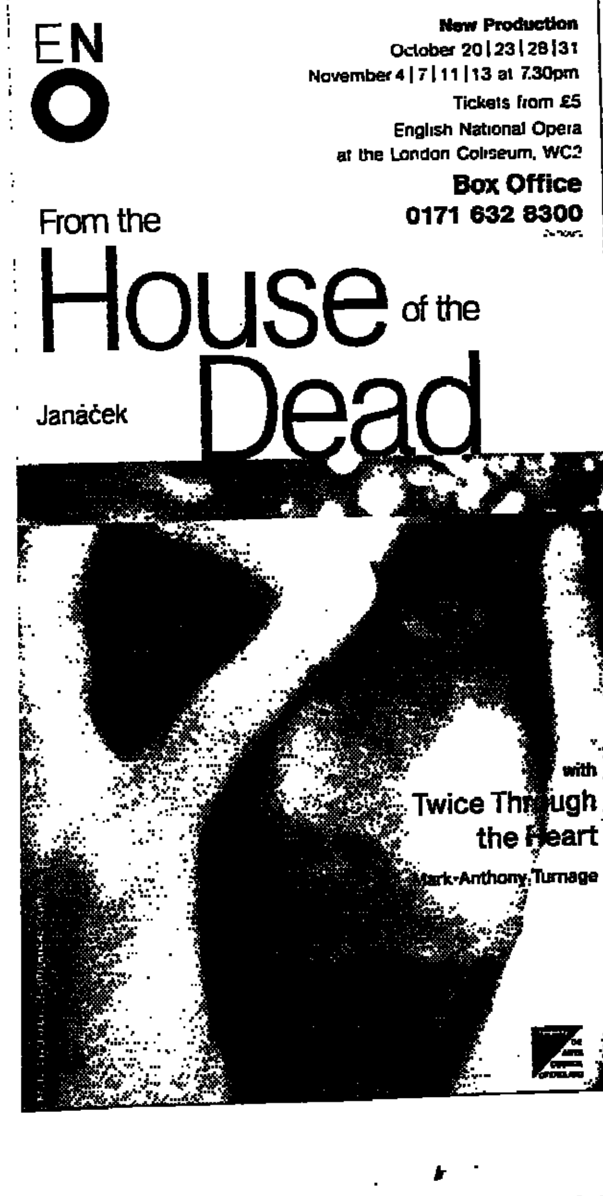

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A medieval love to die for

DEE CONWAY

Wolfgang Stollwitzer (standing) as Edward II in David Bintley's new work for Birmingham Royal Ballet, with Andrew Murphy as Gaveston

David Bintley's *Edward II*, given its British premiere at the Hippodrome by Birmingham Royal Ballet on Thursday night, is a brave adventure. By choosing one of the most unsavoury episodes in British history as its subject, and by commissioning an original full-length score from a composer whose work is not immediately recognisable to the theatregoing public, Bintley has shown himself to be a choreographer who is not afraid to take risks.

DANCE
Edward II
Birmingham

Bintley, who bases his ballet on Christopher Marlowe's play, portrays Edward II as a tormented homosexual monarch too bound up in his own desires to see to the needs of his kingdom. Bintley develops his medieval drama through a series of pas de deux: for Edward: Gaveston, the King's gay lover; Isabella, the King's neglected wife; and Mortimer, the powerful baron who orchestrates Edward's eventual downfall. Each pas de deux tells a different story — of desire, desperation or danger — and the ballet stands or falls on their narrative success.

This is where the inadequacies of John McCabe's otherwise fine score come into play. He is an accomplished orchestrator, his brass-inflected writing evoking dark hazy corners wherein lurk agents of evil. But McCabe fails to shape his atmospheric score for intimate movement. One scene blends into another, the uniformity of scale making it difficult for the choreography to find a distinct framework. Where McCabe's style works best is in the passages of pure violence — the execution scene is terrifically theatrical.

Bintley, too, has his problems. The homosexual couplings are a little skittish, although a love duet is necessarily awkward when you can't rely on big lifts to provide the emotional exclamation points. But Edward's final duet, with his executioner Lightborn, is forthright and poignantly disturbing.

Bintley resists the temptation to get too graphic in so bloody a story, although when he does use blunt statement — the red hot poker, for instance — the effect is arresting. He also sets up a resonant contrast between the tenderness of Edward's love for Gaveston and the brutality of the other relationships that engulf the King.

Peter J. Davison's powerful sets, exquisitely lit by Peter Mumford, convey the damning enclosure of Edward's world. Jasper Conran's beautiful costumes take the medieval period as their starting point but travel through five centuries of fashion, right up to the bondage gear of Edward's jailers.

Wolfgang Stollwitzer, who originated the role at its Stuttgart premiere two years ago, is Edward, equally persuasive playing puppy love games with Andrew Murphy's sympathetic Gaveston or scrabbling to save himself at the horrific moment of death. As Isabella, Sabrina Lenzi's best scene is early on when she pleads — impassioned but impotent — for Edward's attention. A charismatic Joseph Cipolla is the leather-clad Mortimer, ideally cast to lead the barons' revolt and to seduce the starved Isabella.

DEBRA CRAINE

Pretty sight for sore eyes

OPERA
Die Entführung
Glyndebourne

MOZART's comedy is a comparative rarity nowadays. Its humour is tricky in an age sensitive about racial stereotyping, the hero is monstrously unsympathetic, and it is the very devil to cast — in which respect Glyndebourne Touring Opera's Pasha Selim needs to be recast immediately, because an actor who provokes laughs at the work's rather serious denouement is plainly the wrong man.

But William Dudley's almost indecently pretty decor, first seen in 1980, is a sight for sore eyes in this cardboard-box and supermarket-plastic-bag age of opera design. His fretwork sets (nicely lit by Keith Benson) and richly coloured Holman Hunt costumes are reason enough for GTO digging both them and the work itself out of storage.

Aidan Lang's tactful new staging mines a vein of daffy humour that steers the script safely past the more dangerous rocks, especially in the case of Gregory Frank's Osmin, star of the show. This highly musical young American bass sings the role accurately and beautifully, and acts it with great good humour: you know all that stuff about impalement and beheading is just an act, and he's a kindly old buffer at heart.

The Belmonte problem is solved by playing this insufferably arrogant Spanish nobleman as a wimp; unfortunately this tends to spill over into Carlo Vincenzo Allemano's singing, which is sweet and honeyed almost to a fault until the final duet, when a little heroic edge creeps in. Similarly, Ghillian Sullivan cannot disguise the hideous difficulties of Constanze's role, but she too sounded less laboured in that duet and brought more variety of dynamic to her singing, auguring well — with luck — for later performances.

The comic roles are nicely done, Mary Hegarty fizzing through Blonde's notes and cheerfully subverting the age-old values of the harem, and Jeffrey Lloyd-Roberts making Pedrillo less tiresome than usual through sheer theatrical nous. The tempos chosen by the conductor Richard Farnes all sound absolutely right: the piece seems shorter than it actually is, though some discreet trimming of the dialogue would not come amiss. But the show looks and, for the most part, sounds lovely.

RODNEY MILNES

Inspired by the noise

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WHILE their musical cousins the Verve have gone sprinting to the top of the charts, Spiritualized remain essentially a cult band. Their impressive third album, *Ladies And Gentlemen We Are Floating In Space*, although released to a chorus of critical approval in June, quickly slipped from view. And while they command a steadily growing and utterly devoted following, the Midlands band exhibited a broad streak of musical extremism at their sold-out Albert Hall show on Friday that was every bit as confrontational as it was inspirational.

It began (and ended) with a version of the modern gospel standard, *Oh Happy Day*, a hit in this country for the Edwin Hawkins Singers in 1969. "Oh happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away," Jason Pierce sang, his face wreathed in dark shadows while the stage was engulfed in a purple haze of dry ice. The delicate, neo-hymnal mood of the song was shattered by the abrupt onset of *No God Only Religion*, a sudden crescendo of noise which was accompanied by blinding bursts of strobe lighting.

Thus the pattern of this entrancing and exhilarating performance was set. The band were joined by a four-piece horn section, a four-piece string section and eight members of the London Community Gospel Choir, who sang brilliantly. Themes of spiritual uplift alternated with anthems of chemical release, as the show see-sawed giddily between delicate lullabies and bouts of harsh cacophony. The strands were eventually woven into a transcendent whole during *Cop Shoot Cop*, a 15-minute tour de force during which they conjured a sequence of such apocalyptic fury that various members of the Albert Hall staff could be seen diving for cover through the exits.

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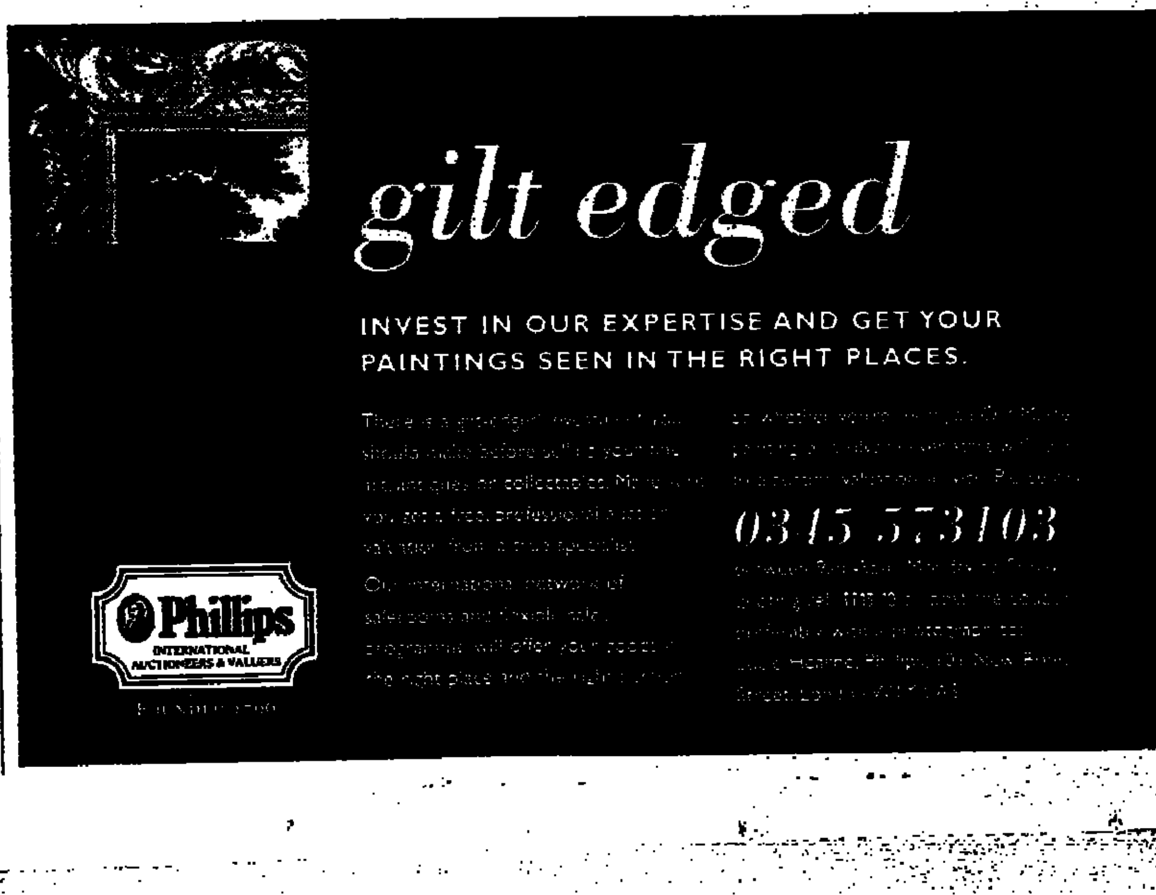

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Portrait of the musical artist

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James MacMillan is a confessional artist: his beliefs, his roots and his sincerity are writ large in his music. So it is true to form that his concert series at the South Bank should present a deeply personal portrait: here was the private man penning a wisp of sonic poetry to his baby daughter (*Angel*), and the public man offering detached commentary on British historical figures (*... as others see us ...*). Here, even, was the composer with the courage to place his own work, *Búsquedas*, beside that masterwork of the avant-garde, Berio's *Laborintus II*.

The pianist Rolf Hind began the early recital with some of MacMillan's most intimate creations: *Lumen Christi*, a premiere, is a deft play on an Easter chant: here there was a sense of a mind intent, musing and solitary. The slight *Barncleupedie* weaves "shall ye no come back again" into a Satiesque Gymnopédie, and *After the Tryst* sets up a dynamic relationship between comforting arpeggios and visceral, folk-like violin gestures.

Clio Gould was a bold, fresh soloist in this and *Kiss on Wood*, creating rapt attention where the music ends stranded up in the heights. Rolf Hind finished with a dashing performance of the piano sonata, which rarely reaches out beyond the gestural.

In *... as others see us ...* portraits of his subjects were thrown on to a screen. This was a vital addition since the pieces themselves are sparse and strangely straitjacketed. The madrigal which metamorphoses into 12-bar blues is a clever, almost mocking evocation of T.S. Eliot, but too often rhythmic figures arrived in unison, and musical lines were held apart.

MacMillan wrote *Búsquedas* for the same forces as Berio's *Laborintus II*, and both are, in one sense, dramatic representations of Hell. MacMillan takes as his text writings of the Argentine "Mothers of the Disappeared". Yet, despite the stark emotional impact of the work, whose pathos was underlined by Diana Quick's heartfelt narration, it is essentially one-dimensional.

This was emphasised the moment Berio's *Laborintus II* began, sweeping all before it in a stream of supple invention. While MacMillan's use of jazz and rock is gutsy, emphatic, Berio relaxes into a truly mesmeric improvisational dance, given a wild underpinning here by the bassist Mary Scully.

Singers, full ensemble and electronics skittering down from the stratosphere all cohere in a beguiling drama, full of outrageous subversion and given a brilliant rendering by Terry Edwards and the London Sinfonietta Voices. It was a grand gesture of homage from the sober Scot to the Faustian Italian.

HELEN WALLACE

Tuba in bloom

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Cynics might think it opportunist programming to have Nigel Kennedy as soloist in Elgar's Violin Concerto, with Sir Roger Norrington additionally conducting Vaughan Williams's Sixth Symphony, when the former has a new recording of the concerto out next month and the conductor is known to be newly recording a cycle of the Vaughan Williams symphonies. However, it meant that both works probably had more attention than otherwise, and the result was certainly enjoyable.

Kennedy has refined his approach to Elgar since his previous award-winning disc more than ten years ago. He now discusses the music's introspective implications in dialogue with the orchestra rather than imposing on it, and the London Philharmonic Orchestra here was warmly passionate in searching out the beauty of thought behind the notes. The violinist still indulges a romantic *portamento* in sliding from one note to another, and his soft-focus tone in quiet passages was superbly achieved.

Norrington seats his players to best advantage in these works, with the first and second violins on opposite sides, the double basses strung out along the back, and the lower brass giving added weight from one side. My hero of the ensemble was the tuba player, whose rich sonority was repeatedly highlighted.

He shared the brass honours with the roguish tenor saxophone in the Vaughan Williams symphony, which Norrington splendidly revitalised in a way that commanded respect as well as visceral excitement. Always one of the composer's finest works, its recent comparative neglect has deprived us of a symphonic experience that can be almost unbearably gripping.

My only reservation was in its calm yet bleak epilogue movement, where Vaughan Williams constantly marks every instrumental entry to be "without crescendo", but where the conductor did not rigorously insist on this and so deprived the movement of the eeriness of a soundscape laid waste. Still, there had been brilliant instrumental response to remind us of the work's imposing stature.

NOEL GOODWIN

Belgian export: Children weave and spin their cars across the neon-lit track in Alain Platel and Arne Sierens's fascinating new production

Dance of the dodgems

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This famous old venue, the Pantheon of lost causes, is open for a stage show again, but only for two evenings and an afternoon, so that by the time this notice appears the show will have moved on. Not immediately back to its home town (Ghent) but to Glasgow's Tramway for next weekend, and Newcastle Playhouse the weekend after.

If there is anyone else like me who has had only one unswerving ambition since the age of ten, which is to be the man who jumps on and off dodgems while they are moving, this show is worth crossing the country to Glasgow, Newcastle or even Ghent to see. It is the brainchild of the vigorous creative team of Alain Platel and Arne Sierens, who together make up the touring company Victoria.

All but two of its cast of 11 are teenagers, and some are said to be from Camden, though all the surnames look Flemish to me. Oh, there is a stunningly beautiful girl called Magdalena Przybylek, who tells an evidently coarse story to an uncomprehending Fleming, in Polish, lengthily, three times, with increasingly unmistakable gestures.

The action revolves, literally, around and upon a dodgem track mysteriously named LOURDES, and though there is indeed a silent young girl in a white dress who looks as if she has forgotten the way to her First Communion procession, and may well be seeing a vision during one of the disco tracks, this religious underpinning is probably only an item that Platel and Sierens needed to start their creative juices flowing. Unless they are suggesting that the fairground is the modern Church, where kids size up each other's potential and enjoy an orgy of sound.

We begin with a Bach Kyrie accompanying the steady raising of the electric circuit grid, the chicken wire ceiling of the track. Five giant galoshes come into view, which turn out to be the cars beneath their drapes, and gradually the fairground workers are joined by schoolkids. There now follows some truly weird dialogue, ponderously freighted with swearing and spoken as if through treacle. Even this eventually generates a mad fascination at the contrast between the flowing physical actions and the stodgily emphatic delivery.

Because it is the action that gives this show its astonishing imaginative hold. With Frederik Debrock and Titus Devoogdt as the tallest and lithest of the riders, and An Pierlé as the other leading girl, the kids weave and spin their cars across the neon-lit track. In one long sequence a single car slowly circles while its four occupants flop sideways out of it, clamber up the mast and drape themselves around each other with such unfailing agility and unfolding grace that I could have watched them at it for an hour. Fragments of individual stories emerge above the treacle from time to time but all that matters is the balletic beauty of the dancer-drivers as they glide between states of individual aggro and co-operative display.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Working along Wilde and woolly lines

THEATRE IN DUBLIN

The marriage of Constance Holland-Lloyd and Oscar Wilde would never sit comfortably in the pages of a romantic novel. Wilde may have initially struck his future wife as exotic, but unravelling what made the playwright special was never going to bring her rapture.

Working from a suggestion in Wilde's *De Profundis*, Thomas Kilroy's stylised, experimental **The Secret Fall of Constance Wilde** at the Abbey frames Constance (Jane Brennan) and Oscar (Robert O'Mahoney) as puppets. They may imagine themselves to be enduring dangerous uncharted waters, but they remain someone's devices for playing out ideas about freedom, love, permanence, transcendence, innocence and experience.

With this kind of dramatic workload, it is hardly surprising that Constance and Oscar do not communicate smoothly. As they act out their affair (aided by masked attendants) the contradictions in their needs and desires, and their twin secrets, thwart their efforts to communicate. Kilroy, with support from the crisp designs of Joe Vanek, constantly reinforces his puppet metaphor and its fatalistic suggestions. Two pristine, lifesized stick puppets take the silent parts of the Wildes' children. Two gargantuan effigies tower over the actors at their darkest moments.

In the world of flesh and blood, O'Mahoney's Wilde is a familiar representation, a tortured soul flip-flopping between goodness and other, more watchable tendencies, while Brennan has to create something new for Constance and does so with precision. Andrew Scott delivers Lord Alfred Douglas as a rather squeaky queen, offering little explanation of Wilde's interest in him.

There is a secret at the heart of Kilroy's play, as there is at the heart of Joe O'Connor's incarnation as a playwright. O'Connor's **The Weeping of Angels** at the Gate further deepens the mystery. The writer's first stage work, *Red Roses and Petrol*, was a slight piece, sometimes more an exercise in dialogue than a play. His follow-up shows that O'Connor is still without useful control of the stage.

The Weeping of Angels appears to be a misfired attempt at satire. Some time in the unspecified future, three nuns (Brenda Fricker, Joan O'Hara and Bernadette McKenna) holed up in an attic are visited by a pair of builders (John Kavanagh and Phelim Egan) who burst in through a window. Their arrival precipitates, for reasons that are not obvious, a night of introspection.

O'Connor's first act meanders, patterned only with occurrences of the author's familiar brand of dusty, limp repartee, in which an expletive is happily left as a punchline. The high point of the second half involves Fricker reciting Mills & Boon-ish twaddle as though it were an undiscovered epic by W.B. Yeats. The whole production is so disjointed that it occasionally seems as though the actors have just awoken to find themselves on stage, and are making the best of their predicament. Little wonder the angels were weeping.

LUKE CLANCY

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Why royalty thrives on republicans

Frank Prochaska on Diana's death and the anti-monarchists

The death of Diana, Princess of Wales, has reinvigorated the monarchy debate just when it was showing signs of flagging. It is too early to be sure about the impact of the Princess's life on the Crown, but it seems unlikely that republicans, who seek to use her as a vehicle to destroy the monarchy, will make much headway. Will a devoted public deny her her great wish — that her son become King?

Meanwhile, Tony Blair has invested heavily in the Royal Family. No one should be surprised by this, for he inherits a political system with built-in prejudices in favour of monarchy, backed by voters with little enthusiasm for constitutional upheaval.

Where republicans see royal obstruction, Balir sees royal potential. Quite sensibly, he believes that since the monarchy will be around for the foreseeable future, it should be relevant and useful. Moreover, he appreciates that the Crown, far from impeding reforms, as republicans imagine, makes it easier to implement them. As the work of the Princess of Wales demonstrated, the monarchy is an agency of social empowerment. With one foot in the State and the other in the charitable sector, the Royal Family is in a pivotal position to bring them together in dynamic partnership. Ideologically, the Prime Minister and the Prince of Wales have much in common, especially on issues such as education and the inner cities. In what may be a portent, the Prince's Trust range of charities will play an important part in the Government's Welfare to Work programme.

Such initiatives may pay unforeseen benefits, for a Labour administration may need the monarchy more than a Conservative one. Popular rule requires symbols of legitimacy — never more so than during periods of reforming zeal. Ben Pimlott has pointed out that the monarchy made Labour's postwar programme of nationalisation more palatable to the nation at large, for it "stood as a guarantee that pragmatic caution would prevail and radicalism kept within brounds". The same Government found the monarchy useful in giving respectability to the fledgeling National Health Service.

Such historical reminders will not persuade republicans, for they suggest that the monarchy may be needed to give legitimacy to their own reforms. One might conclude that they must either foment revolution, or persuade the Royal Family to join their campaign. Indeed, several republicans, with more than a hint of innocence and desperation, have called on the Queen to declare a republic. Others have entreated Prince Charles to stand down when the Queen dies. They might be better advised to recast Charter 88, rename it Charter 1688, and open discussions about the constitution with the Palace.

There may be a message for the Crown in all this. Over the past two centuries, the monarchy has had less to fear from constitutional innovation than it believed. Lord Broughham's remark, made in 1837, is intriguing: "Far from dreading the policy which would strengthen the people's hands by confirming their liberties and extending their rights, we ought to pursue this course for the sake of the monarchy itself, which we shall thus better entitle to the people's affections, and render, because more beloved, more secure." On Brougham's analysis, the only innovation that the monarchy could not survive would be its abolition.

Contemporary republicans have failed to notice just how much the monarchy has adapted already. In political essentials, Britain *is* a republic, with a constitution that largely conforms to the demands of 19th-century radicalism. Victorian republicans were much more interested in the extension of political rights than anti-monarchism. The MP Henry Labouchere, whose republican sympathies alarmed Queen Victoria, believed that the monarchy's political power had so waned that Britain had become "a republic with a hereditary president". Other republicans assumed that the introduction of universal suffrage would signal the collapse of the Crown. On the contrary, it signalled the end of constitutional innovation and further neutralised the political case against the monarchy. Could the monarchy be blamed for the nation's failings when power shifted so decisively to a sovereign Parliament and popularly elected governments?

The Crown has always had far less to fear from political change than it believed

Given the degree of republicanism already in the constitution, the survival of the monarchy is less obstructive to democracy than republicans believe. Britain, of course, retains a vestige of ancient privilege in its head of state. To anti-monarchists this is monstrous. It might be said that they are better logicians than social psychologists, for a degree of royal privilege is something the electorate seems happy to tolerate. As democrats, republicans cannot escape this fact. Frustrated, they are prone to deride the British people as infantile for putting up with a monarchy. But is it childish to favour one form of imperfection over others?

Heriditary systems breed complacency, and the occasional dose of republicanism has been invigorating to the monarchy. Historically, the most important effect of anti-monarchism has been to push members of the Royal Family into a reassessment of their role, making them more sensitive to respectable opinion and responsive to social issues. Republicn reaction to the death of the Princess is another shot in the arm.

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As the parallels with historic market collapses grow more disturbing, don't expect any soft landings

Counting the days to a Black Monday

In a few days' time the world's stock markets will see the 10th anniversary of the 1987 crash: it is 68 years since the great Wall Street crash of 1929. The initial pattern of these two crashes was the same: stock markets rose to exceptionally high levels of value; interest rates started to rise, so bond markets fell; stock markets made a panic correction. After 1987 this was followed by long-term recovery, and little lasting damage was done to the world economy; after 1929, the recovery petered out in 1930, and the world economy went down into the slump. Japan went through the same experience after the end of the 1980s, and the Tokyo stock market is still only a little above half its peak level.

Wall Street has risen in the 1990s in a way which is alarmingly reminiscent of the 1920s, the 1980s, and Japan before the Tokyo crash. The standard measures of value, dividend yield, earnings yield and the ratio of the share price to the book value of the underlying assets, are all higher than they were in 1987, or even in 1929. The simplest comparison of all, though not the most sophisticated, is the dividend yield. That is now 1.6 per cent; in late September 1929, before the panic, the dividend yield on Wall Street was more than 3 per cent. In the major bear markets of the 20th century, the bottom has never been reached before the dividend yield had gone back to more than 6 per cent. If this market crashes, it has potentially a long, long way to fall.

The over-valuation by historic standards is less extreme in European markets, but is still disturbing; on some estimates, the over-valuation in the important European stock markets is about two thirds that of Wall Street. It used to be said that if America caught a cold, Europe would have pneumonia; now if the United States catches pneumonia, Europe can expect a nasty bout of flu.

Last week the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, issued the second of his major warnings about the Wall Street boom. He is very worried about inflation. In the past, inflation has been the underlying cause of all the market crashes. In its early stages, monetary inflation pushes up asset value; a little later, inflation spreads through the economy, interest rates rise, and that rise triggers the stock market collapse. Mr Greenspan is particularly worried that the demand for labour will cause American pay rates to rise, and unemployment in the United States has now fallen below 5 per cent.

Mr Greenspan told the budget committee of the House of Representatives that: "The performance of the labour markets this year suggests that the economy had been on an unsustainable track ... if labour demand continues to outpace sustainable increases in supply, the question is surely when, not whether, labour costs will escalate more sharply. The law of supply and demand has not been repealed." Alan Greenspan is about the most experienced economic analyst in America. In the 1970s he earned his living by economic forecasting, when he was not doing public jobs such as that of Chairman of President Nixon's Council of Economic Advisers. He has a record of getting things right.

As Chairman of the Fed, he is not just making forecasts, he controls American interest rate policy; last Wednesday's statement is regarded as a public warning that he intends to raise interest rates. He is not only concerned about the labour market; he is worried about the "irrational exuberance", as he once called it, of Wall Street. On Wednesday he said that "financial markets seem to have priced in an optimistic outlook".

Unexpectedly, the Bundesbank raised its interest rates last week. The central banks of Austria, France, Denmark, The Netherlands and Belgium followed the German example, while the Bank of England has

William Rees-Mogg

raised rates already, and may well do so again. In the United States unemployment is less than 5 per cent. In Europe, apart from the UK, average unemployment is well over 10 per cent; it is more than 20 per cent in Spain and east Germany. The higher interest rates are thought appropriate as part of the preparation for the single currency; it seems wrong to deflate the European economy while unemployment is so high.

In the United States, share prices have been pushed upwards by the continuing flood of money into mutual funds. Most of this investment has been done by the baby-boom generation, which was born in the years after the war and is now aged between the early 30s and 50. This generation has not been good at saving in the past, and is experiencing a belated savings panic in middle life. Mutual funds have seemed an easy option; they offer little or no income — the 1.6 per cent dividend yield scarcely covers costs — but they have shown spectacular capital returns during the boom years.

If interest rates do go up in the United States and Europe, their bond markets will fall; that is likely to trigger falls in the stock market. At some point, the baby-boomers may notice that they are getting a negative capital return from mutual fund investment. Some will stop buying; others will want to sell. There may or may not be another panic, but the conditions for a panic will undoubtedly exist. Nor could Mr Greenspan do much about that. The gap between expectation and reality, the pricing in of an optimistic outlook, has become too great. If Wall Street stops going up, it can only go down.

There are plenty of other worries in the investment world: the Japanese economy is weak, and the Japanese banks could want to repatriate some of their funds; the economies of Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines are in difficulties. There are wider anxieties about the trend of world liquidity. This boom has been fed by easy money; there is now less easy money about.

And against these worries, there is little comfort from the argument that there is now a "new paradigm", that we are living in a new age and that the old rules have been suspended. Historically such theories of a new paradigm have provided rather a good indicator of market tops. John Law invented a new paradigm of credit expansion in the Mississippi bubble of 1720; the railways were the new communications paradigm at the time of the railway mania; automobiles and radio provided the new paradigm of the 1920s; computer networks and globalism are the new paradigm of the 1990s. When the market is so high that it has become impossible to justify still higher prices on the old argument, someone always comes along to say "it's different this time". It never has been before, and Alan Greenspan does not think it is now.

No one can know when the top of the boom will come, or whether it has already passed. I suspect that Wall Street will find it very hard to stay above 8,000 on the Dow Jones, but I may be wrong; we could have a Black Monday today, or in a week's time, or in a year or two. The certainty is that stock market values are already way above their historic norms; they are way above their long-term trend lines, in the United States, in Europe, and in those other world stock markets which have not yet fallen. The likelihood is that stock markets will not have a soft landing; if the mutual fund investors of the United States stop buying, Wall Street will have to fall a long way to get them started again.

The risk of a stock market crash is a threat to world prosperity. Japan has had seven lean years after the fall of its stock market. The United States had ten lean years after 1929. There is much more than the fortunes of speculators riding on the Wall Street indices.

Proceed with care, Mr Blair

Behind the rhetoric, the Prime Minister is no risk-taker, says

Peter Riddell

Tony Blair has always been bold on strategy, but cautious on tactics. That is why he is so successful, and popular. But he now faces a series of decisions — over a single currency, electoral reform and the welfare state — that will show what lies behind his rhetoric about "hard choices".

His own views are unclear. He is temperamentally more interested in ends than means, big strategic goals such as Britain's position in Europe than details of implementation. He also believes that the Government's ability to take action is dependent on maintaining his and its popularity, even though current, record poll ratings are unsustainable. That could lead to a risk-averse approach to win re-election in four years' time.

However, Mr Blair wants to show that he can be as radical in Government as he was in Opposition, producing a record comparable to Asquith and Attlee. He can already point to Gordon Brown's bold initiatives over monetary policy and City regulation, and to his own commitment to break the stalemate in Northern Ireland. But none of the Government's actions, apart from the proposed tuition fees for students, threatens party unity or public popularity. Each of the three forthcoming decisions could, and probably would.

The single currency is the most explosive. There is no chance of Britain entering in January 1999, because the economy and interest rates are way out of line with the Continent. The question is how soon afterwards will there be sufficient signs of convergence, as well as enough support to be sure of winning a referendum. Although this implies that the main decisions can be put off for a year or more, the Government has to decide how precise to be about its future intentions and timing in the December statement about continuing the opt-out.

Mr Blair's advisers are worried about losing hard-won supporters. No one in Downing Street needs reminding that *The Sun* is seeking to reinforce these fears by its high-profile campaign on the issue. Polls suggest that a clear majority is against British involvement.

However, as Robert Worcester, of MORI, has argued, polls are not the same as referendums. The latter are more considered and generate much greater attention. While the precise wording can be vital to a poll result, it is unimportant in a referendum. What matters is the line-up on each

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side. In the 1975 referendum on European membership, and again last month on Scottish devolution, most politicians respected by the public were in the "yes" camp and those most disliked on the "no" side. By contrast, several respected Welsh MPs were in the "no" camp, where the result was a virtual dead-heat.

Mr Blair would hope to build a similar coalition this time, with most of Labour, the Liberal Democrats, pro-European Tories, and leaders of big business and the unions. But the opponents would be more powerful than in 1975, with William Hague, Baroness Thatcher and most Tories, plus the biggest-selling papers. Mr Hague's use of the term "not in the foreseeable future" is merely intended to postpone a Tory split until it becomes inevitable. He will oppose entry at any stage, just as I am sure Kenneth Clarke will be in the "yes" camp. My hunch is that the public will back entry, provided the Government is still generally popular and businessmen can point to the dangers of remaining out. June 1999, the date of the Euro-elections, hardly allows enough time for the interim system of fixed exchange rates to be judged. But it would be risky to delay much longer.

The Government's decisions on electoral reform are, in practice, secondary to how Mr Blair wants to develop relations with the Liberal Democrats. He has set up a consultative Cabinet committee with Lib Dem leaders to demonstrate his commitment to pluralist politics. But it is unclear whether the next step is to treat the Lib Dems as an increasingly close ally subsumed under the "new" Labour umbrella, or to create the opportunity for multiparty co-operation through electoral reform. Delicate talks are under way between the two parties about the terms of reference and membership of a commission to investigate a proportional replacement for first-past-the-post to be put to a referendum. Some Labour leaders believe that only the alternative vote (numbering one, two, three on the ballot paper) would be saleable to the party, since this preserves the direct constituency link. But this is opposed by the Lib Dems because it is not a proportionate system.

By contrast, the problems over welfare reform are more about devising, than selling, a policy. Mr Blair's hope is that savings on welfare can finance an expansion in education. But it is not clear how far the Government will go along the road of extending means-testing by integrating tax and benefits, or, alternatively, accept Frank Field's ideas for reviving a contributory system of social insurance. David Willetts mischievously suggested at the Tory conference that welfare reform could be as messy and damaging for Labour as healthcare reform was for President Clinton in his first term.

Hard choices, indeed. Defeat in a referendum on a single currency could fatally undermine the Government, while failure to achieve radical welfare reform, as the heart of the comprehensive spending review, would limit the scope for improving other public services. Decisions on electoral reform could either end or cement moves towards a more pluralist style of politics. My hunch is that within seven to ten years, Britain will be in any European single currency (if it survives early strains), the first-past-the-post system will have been replaced in its present form, and universal state provision of welfare will have been substantially modified. But Mr Blair will not rush any of these decisions. He wants to remain the People's Prime Minister.

THE TIMES DIARY

Revolting

INMATES of Dolphin Square, the Pimlico flats teaming with politicos, have had enough. After a summer of discontent — which saw the square's proud residents, William Hague and his fiancèe among them, queueing Russian-style beside water tanks after diesel polluted their mains supplies — there is a call to arms. An action committee has been formed to complain about a "revolting" new reception area amid claims that residents' wishes are ignored.

"It is a lurid, fluorescent peach," says resident Graham Elson, general secretary of the Liberal Democrats, "blended in to a royal-blue deep-pile carpet with matching chairs. It is more kitsch-Finchley-Road than Dolphin Square; very Dorian from *Birds of a Feather*."

"I bet we get blamed"

The action committee is a militant splinter-group of the Dolphin Square Tenants' Association. One prominent female member considers it a crusade: "It's time we got together to sort these problems out," she said. "The reception is horrible, it glows." She is confident of recruiting Hague.

However, Peter Temple-Morris, Tory Member for Leominster, said: "They have made a lot of changes and many are improvements. I don't see myself as the revolutionary of Dolphin Square." A voice from the management board says of the redecoration: "It's just a question of taste." Indeed.

● *A SENIOR member of the Shadow Cabinet was wearing a worried expression as he struggled to write his conference speech last week. I asked what was wrong. "You used to get a standing ovation for supporting hanging. Now you get cheered for slagging off the parliamentary party. The first person to advocate hanging all Tory MPs will really lift the roof off."*

Sleazy rider

IT must have been with some poignancy that Piers Merchant, the energetic Tory MP, opened his *Sunday Mirror* yesterday. Its first six pages were an exposition of the MP's supposed nocturnal activities. And on Friday night "the Sleaze Merchant", as the cheap print has unkindly dubbed him, took part in a debate at the Union Society of Durham University with Mr Max Clifford, the public relations consultant. The subject? "Tabloids are Bad News." Just so.

● *FOR a man so sensitive to the course of the political breeze, Jeffrey Archer has slipped up: he has dedicated his new collection of short stories to "John and Norma".*

Fleshed out

I CAN'T help warming to Michael Portillo. But it would seem that he shared a sin with other now ex-Tory MPs: complacency. As his constituency workers urged him to campaign harder during the election, Portillo responded by suggesting that they help other constituencies.

Of flesh-pressing, he declared, he had "had enough". When it was pointed out that losing his Enfield Southgate seat would mean the end of his cherished ambitions, I gather that he responded: "If we manage to lose a seat as safe as this then there will not be a party worth leading." I hope that this does not make William Hague feel despondent.

● *AS Tony Blair enjoyed his latest foreign policy coup (our draw with Italy) by watching the match on television at Chequers with his boys, Gordon Brown took in the action from the VIP box. Not so his senior aides Charlie Whelan and Mr Ed Balls — they were locked in the ground for two hours after the match as police scoured the terraces for violent hooligans.*

Snap snack

LEGS were crossed in Bloomsbury, the publishing house, when news arrived that one of its most prized authors had been bitten in the most intimate of places by an alligator.

Hunter S. Thompson, renowned for a temperament more acidic than the Sixties psychedelia of his books, was to have made a rare sortie across the Atlantic to promote his latest effort, *The Proud Highway: The Fear and Loathing Letters, Vol I*. But the tour has been cancelled while the author recovers from his brush with reptilia at his home in Woody Creek, Colorado.

"He said he had been bitten on the thigh and possibly, er, higher up," I am told. "It is most distressing." Knowing Mr Thompson, I just hope the alligator is all right.

Photo finish

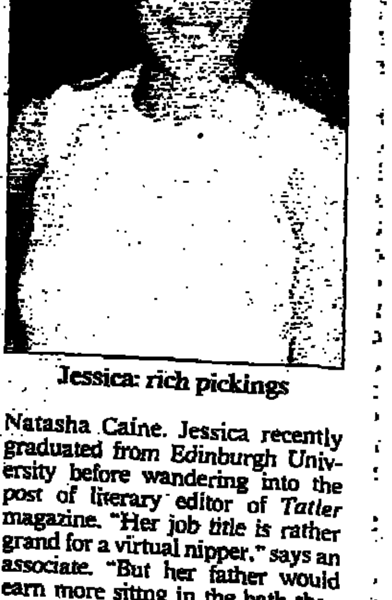
IT could be a costly blunder. The Imperial Hotel in Blackpool has long decorated its bar with snaps of Prime Ministers. But absent this year was a likeness of Tony Blair. His triumphant grin, it would seem, was simply too nauseating for careworn Tories drowning their disappointment. So when Mr Blair leads his own party to Blackpool for their conference next year they will shun the Imperial, I gather, and commandeer the rival Stakis Hotel — which, from memory, serves jolly good crumpets.

● *OBSERVATION on the Tory divide from Sir Teddy Taylor, MP: "Ken Clarke is a nutcase. And so am I. We are both nutcases; just in different ways." Evidently the electorate rather agrees.*

Money walks

WHY do offspring of the celebrated — and wealthy — feel this peculiar urge to become models? Is it that their fathers failed to give them enough attention? Er, no. It is, I am told, because they need the money.

Sir Evelyn de Rothschild's daughter, Jessica, is the latest who plans to waft expensively down the catwalk. I fear that attention at a forthcoming show for the jewellers Spinks & Son will not focus on the gems or even the models, but on their surnames. For among the other models will be Sophie Dahl, Jemma Kidd, Natasha Manley and Natasha Caine. Jessica recently graduated from Edinburgh University before wandering into the post of literary editor of *Tatler* magazine. "Her job title is rather grand for a virtual nipper," says an associate. "But her father would earn more sitting in the bath than Jessica would in a year at *Tatler*, so maybe the modelling will cover a few rent cheques."



Jessica: rich pickings

JASPER GERARD

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IN THE VIRTUAL LIBRARY

New technologies complement, but do not replace, the old

The time has come to reinvent the library. More than half a millennium after Gutenberg first used moveable type, a revolution at least as profound in the storage and transmission of information is passing Britain's libraries by. The book is not dead, but as a source of facts rather than private pleasure it is increasingly rivalled by electronic systems. Those with access to the Internet through a computer and a telephone line can wallow to their heart's content in facts and figures. Not only is information available more easily and in greater quantity, but the system is easier to understand and operate than the microfiche catalogues of the public library. Nor is access denied because another reader has got there first. Gratification is instantaneous.

Faced with this challenge, librarians must be tempted to throw up their hands and start planning their retirements. But that would be a betrayal of their traditions. New communication technologies, whatever their inventors believe, seldom displace what has gone before. Since they first began rolling off the presses in the 15th century, books have learnt to coexist with newspapers, magazines, radio and television. Once the sole repository of human wisdom, they are now one among many. But reading has survived; more books are published then ever. The need now is not to abandon the book and its home, the public library, but to devise ways of accommodating both to the Internet's information revolution.

That is why a report to be published later this week by the Library and Information Commission is especially welcome. It recognises both the strength of the public library system, which attracts 1.3 million visitors every working day, and its relative weakness. Over the past ten years, according to figures from the Audit Commission, borrowings are down by 19 per cent, purchasing budgets have fallen by 10 per cent, and opening hours are also in decline. In some areas, to the shame of the local authorities responsible, libraries are closed for a day in mid-week in order to shave a pitiful fraction off their operating costs.

Both the Audit Commission in its report *Due for Renewal*, and the Library and Information Commission in its complementary document *New Library: the People's Network* recognise that the future lies in linking the library to the information superhighway, and that this will cost substantial amounts of money. In 1994-95, UK libraries spent a total of £20 million on information technology. But the Library and Information Commission sets a target of £36 million for connections, and annual spending of £84 million on rentals, to provide a "step change" in the way libraries operate. For this, users would gain access not only to the Internet, but to a network of terminals which would link them to both local and national government and to systems for lifelong learning, business and training, community history, and a national digital library which would make the riches of all national collections available on screen everywhere. The report suggests a variety of possible sources for the money, but unlike the Audit Commission, does not believe that charging the individual user is inevitable. This "crucial issue", it says, cannot be determined at this stage.

Many other questions, including standards, copyright, and licensing would need to be clarified before any of this could go ahead. In the real world of local authorities and their increasingly neglected libraries, the idea of such a stunning rebirth seems improbable. Yet if we value the library system as the best way yet devised for those in humble positions to improve themselves, a change of this scale is not only desirable but absolutely necessary. Without it, libraries are condemned to an inevitable decline.

YANKEE COME HERE

Clinton should add Latin America to his legacy

American Presidents invariably travel thousands of miles while in office. Yet they rarely visit their own backyard. Bill Clinton has embarked on the first full tour of South America by a US President since that of Jimmy Carter almost two decades ago. The region is one of ever increasing significance to America's interests. In its own way, Mr Clinton's mere presence in Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela makes this one of the most important overseas ventures of his tenure. It is unlikely that it will be another 20 years before a successor makes a similar trip.

Mr Clinton entered a cautionary note even before his departure. He stressed the priority he would place on enhanced efforts against the drugs cartels and political corruption. Those remarks will have caused some irritation in his host countries. They reflect, however, the President's political situation. The single-minded efforts of Senator Jesse Helms have made the alleged connection between public officials and the narcotics industry in both Mexico and Colombia a serious issue in Washington.

The reluctance of past Presidents to be seen south of the border reflected the explosive relationship between the US and its neighbours. For many years, almost all Americans were unpopular in the continent. They were invariably associated with uniformed dictators and commercial dominance. "Yankees go Home" was the universal cry of local populists. Then Vice-President Nixon was almost killed in 1958 when his visit to Venezuela triggered a full-scale riot. After that, US policy towards Fidel Castro's Cuba provided another excuse for mutual hostility. Not surprisingly, American statesmen avoided the area.

However, Latin America has witnessed a dramatic transformation between the Carter and Clinton eras. In the 1970s, stable democracy of almost any form was a rarity. The region was dominated by military regimes under threat from Marxist insurgents. With the exception of General Pinochet's Chile, South American economics was strikingly statist. All that has changed. Multiparty politics, of admittedly varying quality, has become embedded. The economic outlook has been revolutionised through liberalisation, privatisation and attacks on inflation.

Mr Clinton would like to make the expansion of free trade the centrepiece of his agenda. His early decision to embrace Nafta was among the most positive acts of his presidency. The timing of this tour though is slightly inconvenient. The President is struggling to secure congressional support for his full power over trade negotiations. His opponents have painted free trade as the means by which American firms will export employment from the Midwest to South American sweatshops.

For that reason the President will choose to tread carefully. He should not allow these short-term factors to obscure America's future. Mr Clinton should publicly welcome the reforms that have been made as well as the remaining difficulties that must be tackled. He should make it clear that he would like to see Nafta extended to include Chile and full inter-American free trade by the early years of the next century. Mainstream Republicans will back him, not least because of their electoral dependence on Florida and Texas. The President still has time to make this central to his legacy.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE

A good read is the bit in between introduction and pay-off line

First lines fire the opening salvo of a book. They are not often representative of the chapters marching up behind them. They may hook their reader to read on or warn their reader to waste no more time. They are more likely than succeeding lines to stick fast in the memory, especially as identification tags for poems learnt by heart. That is why *The Oxford Dictionary of Literary Quotations* feels able to include an entry for the most famous opening lines in literature.

As we report today, the 41 opening lines it has selected are well-known, varied and controversial. The first line of Western literature, "Sing, Muse, the wrath of Achilles", is not included. Homer may now reverberate less loudly than he has done down the millennia. And "Of Man's first disobedience and the fruit" is ruled out by modern difficulty with Milton's copious classical references. However, it seems rash of the compilers for a publishing house accustomed to difficult authors to omit the first line attributed to its most difficult though most profitable contributor, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

But they were not choosing what seemed to them the most memorable quotations. They have trawled through a huge computer database of quotations to find which opening lines were most often plagiarised, cited and otherwise recycled by later writers and speakers. These will vary for each reader and change with curricular and literary fashion. But it is predictable that the genius, in both senses of the word, of Shakespeare is going to cause double, double, citation trouble.

If it is odd to leave out the witches on their blasted heath, "When shall we three meet again?", it seems perverse not to recall actors from Olivier to Branagh croaking or chuckling their various readings of "Now is the winter of our discontent". Moreover, the plainest opening lines can stir the biggest ripples. *Scene I, the guard platform of Elsinore Castle. Francisco at his post. Enter to him Bernardo.* However, it is not the guard on duty but his nervous relief who speaks that haunting opening line. "Who's there?"

Michael Arlen, with his Duchess exclaiming "Damn!" as she lights a cigar, wrote a sensational opening sentence. It made *The Green Hat* a Twenties bestseller, but its fictional shock has since been overtaken by real life. Michael Frayn, in *Towards the End of the Morning*, defined the job of a sub-editor as checking all facts and spellings, cutting the first and last sentences, and removing all attempts at jokes. These favourite opening lines seem to argue against Frayn's definition, although publishing history does not often record what previous throat-clearing introductions editors may have deleted in order to clear the way for their memorable openers. Closing lines usually give a more reliable indication of the pleasures to be found in a work of literature. The dictionary includes a list of those also. And so they lived happily ever after, in the most agreeable of literary games, arguing about their favourite spells in literature.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Preserving special status of Oxbridge

From Professor R. N. Franklin, FEng, Vice-Chancellor of the City University

Sir, You report (October 8: leading article, October 9) that the outgoing Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University and the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge have attacked the Government's decision to cap the rise in 1997-98 college fees for both universities. This highlights a fundamental inconsistency at the heart of our university system.

The college fees represent top-up fees, fully funded by the State through the mandatory award system. These two universities receive in total £50 million extra funding by this route, even allowing for the fact that their block grant is somewhat reduced because of the college fee system. However, the Government is opposed to top-up fees and has even threatened to legislate against them.

There are those who advocate removing the college fees. However, the money thus saved, if spread around the system, would do little to alleviate the funding crisis, and meanwhile we would have destroyed the only two of our universities which are truly and consistently world-class.

I consider that the solution is for the Government to make an explicit policy decision to maintain the special status and funding of these universities. There would be an obligation on them to account for the extra funding in a transparent way, allowing comparison with the rest of the system.

From my knowledge of these excellent universities I believe the comparison would demonstrate that in university funding, as in so much of life, you get what you pay for.

Yours truly,
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October 9.

From Mr C. C. Dixon

Sir, As a lifelong Labour supporter who never contemplated going to Oxbridge, I would normally be the last to support anything which smacked of propping up such bastions of elitism with taxpayers' money, but I caution against tinkering with these particular institutions for three reasons.

Fear of loss of funding has for many years now been an influential factor in the opening up of these institutions to applicants from the state sector. While Oxford and Cambridge are now suspected of operating a bias in favour of state school applicants, the American equivalents seem on all accounts to be dependent upon the ability of their students to pay.

I have seen the effect on aspiring students of the prize of a place. They work as though their lives depend on it and in doing so inspire those around them, be they siblings or contemporaries, to do likewise. I would hazard that for every successful student a dozen more are motivated to try to excel, with consequent ripple effects.

Oxbridge and its system give confidence to those wishing to study non-vocational subjects. Many who choose such subjects now might not wish to do so under a different system and the teaching profession for one would be deprived of a source of recruits.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS DIXON,
The Old Rectory, Cranham, Essex.
October 8.

From Mr A. N. Binder

Sir, Will those same remote dons who dared snub my Thatcher now mete out the same treatment to barbarian Blair? Will another Oxford Prime Minister be denied the customary honorary doctorate?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BINDER,
Old Place, Speldhurst, Kent.
October 9.

Self assessment

From Mr C. W. Corlett, Deputy Chairman, Board of Inland Revenue

Sir, Contrary to the views of Ms Chrissie Maher, of the Plain English Campaign (letter, October 9), taxpayers generally can understand the self-assessment form. We are delighted that of the eight million issued we have so far received over 4.5 million completed forms back, exactly where we planned to be at this stage.

Most of them have been filled in by taxpayers on their own, without the help of tax advisers. They have been completed well, to a standard above our expectations. There is simply no evidence for her claim that the form cannot be understood. Indeed, it was widely tested on taxpayers before being finalised last year so that we could be sure they would be able to manage.

As to relations between the Inland Revenue and taxpayers, we have around 50,000 staff dealing each year with the affairs of some 26 million people. We are not complacent about the level of complaints, but it is tiny when seen against the size of our operation.

Yours faithfully,
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Reforms fail to attract young Tories

From Mr Martin Ball

Sir, The proposed reform of the youth sections of the Conservative Party [letter, October 8] is long overdue.

The Young Conservatives have diminished to a parody of their former selves, with few branches and few active members; many exist as "rotten boroughs" for the sole purpose of voting in the elections for national officers. Even Conservative Students, which enjoyed a revival between the mid-1980s and early 1990s, is a spent force on university campuses.

The decline of the youth sections is illustrated by an analysis which I conducted at the end of last year of prospective Conservative candidates at the 1997 general election. This reveals that of the 41 newly elected Conservative MPs only 14 have been YC members, and this attachment was little more than a courtesy membership. Only two took their involvement above constituency level, and none served as national officers.

The proposed reforms are still unlikely to produce a vehicle which will attract young people to the party. If the Conservative Party wishes to attract young people into its structures then it has to offer them the jewels of participation: opportunities to elect the leader and determine party policy.

Crucially, this involvement must be as part of the mainstream party and not assigned to some safety-valve siding.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BALL,
17 Haverfield Road, Bow, E3.
October 7.

From Mr James Johnstone

Sir, Lord Tebbit's response to being called a dinosaur — "The dinosaur was a very successful species that dominated the planet for a very long time" [report, October 9; see also letters, October 11] proves that he has only a selective memory of history. After their lengthy period of domination the dinosaurs were wiped out almost overnight by a catastrophic event only to return many years later as museum attractions.

Despite the electoral rout Lord Tebbit still does not appreciate that the traditional Tory values he is advocating are unappealing to younger voters. The dwindling number of party members should be evidence enough that such values have to be tailored to contemporary society and a more liberal electorate.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES JOHNSTONE,
16 Redcliffe Road, SW10.
October 9.

Healthcare and the ability to pay

From Dr Richard Willis

Sir, I agree with William Rees-Mogg ("Why the NHS is the sick man of Europe", October 6): the conflict between the Government's legitimate determination that healthcare should not depend on a patient's ability to pay and the nation's limited resources is a real one that needs to be resolved.

Unlike him, however, I do not believe that patients should pay for each consultation. Such a scheme can have an inhibitory effect on patients seeking medical advice and can make the doctor reluctant to ask patients to return for a further consultation.

In my own practice the great majority of patients pay a subscription, either annually or monthly, allowing medical care to be unhampered by a fee for each attendance; those of limited financial means pay a smaller subscription or nothing at all. Clinical care is thus totally unhindered by financial constraints, and patients know at the start of the year what their medical care will cost.

An extension of this type of primary care might herald a gradual change from Treasury funding, while at the same time allowing the Government to watch the development of care in which ability to pay was not an issue. It could also begin to free medical care from the pressures of government funding and political control.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WILLIS,
Salisbury Independent
Medical Practice,
5 Wyndham Road,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
October 10.

From Mr Roger Hole

Sir, It is odd that David Green, writing from the Institute of Economic Affairs (letter, October 9) to advocate universal "private insurance and competition between hospitals" on the American model of managed care, should overlook the huge administrative costs of that system, which completely excludes 15 per cent of the population from all cover and a further 20 per cent from continuous full cover.

The (non-productive) hospital costs of administering even this imperfect US model were 24.8 per cent of total in 1992. *At that time the cost of administering* the whole of the National Health Service was 7 per cent, but since the Tory reforms this has risen to 11 per cent.

For almost identical health outcomes (eg, life expectancy of both sexes and maternal mortality) the *per capita* total health expenditure in the United States is 2½ times that in the United Kingdom (£1,860 and £732 respectively in 1992 — Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development figures).

To imply that the NHS is not underfunded and to advocate the expensive but no more effective American model seems to me to substitute unproven competition dogma for plain common sense.

Yours truly,
ROGER HOLE
(NHS consultant, 1973-95),
Wynd House,
Hutton Rudby,
Yarm, North Yorkshire.
October 9.

Return of the Emperor

From Mr Roman Ilmar Golicz

Sir, Your report on the recent "rehabilitation" of Napoleon III's reputation in France (report, September 26; letter, September 29) mentioned the current campaign which, I admit, *may only with difficulty excite much* emotion in this country, but which nevertheless will cause any government in France that attempts to act on it considerable difficulties. I am referring to the proposition — mooted by the leader of the Gaullist party, M Philippe Séguin, and others — to have the remains of the Emperor and his family translated from St Michael's Benedictine Abbey in Farnborough, Hampshire, to Paris.

Any such attempt must — and shall — be resisted. M Séguin and all those who support him in this endeavour will find that a certain spirit of resistance of our own has not diminished with the passing of the years.

Let us not heap Pelion upon Ossa with this unfortunate family, either by providing any political group in France, of whatever persuasion, with the kudos resulting from such an ostentatious *coup de théâtre*, or by disturbing their peace to assuage Gallic guilt. We have witnessed it all too often since the days of the Revolution.

Napoleon III was an extraordinary man. May he, at last, rest in peace.

Yours faithfully,
ROMAN ILMAR GOLICZ,
16 Marston Road,
Farnham, Surrey.
October 3.

Playing the game

From Mr Stewart Reuben

Sir, Mr Alex Standish (letter, October 9) disagrees with suggestions by the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference about how sportspeople should behave and castigates a goalkeeper for helping to persuade a referee that the opposing team should be awarded a goal as the ball had crossed the line.

Who is in a better position to make that judgment than the goalkeeper? The goalkeeper's team went on to win. The match was obviously played as it should be, in a spirit both of fair play and will to win.

My second greatest love among games is poker. In a game where winning is the quintessence of its purpose I have seen breathtaking examples of fair play. Surely we can encourage the same principles in school sports?

Yours faithfully,
S. REUBEN (Chairman,
British Chess Federation),
11 Haversham Close,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
October 9.

From Mr Anthony Calder-Smith

Sir, A fair arbiter will err as often for you as against you.

I played in a junior league house rugby match at Ampleforth in 1976. Touching down the ball behind my own try-line for a 25-yard drop kick, I and my 14 team members were astounded when the referee, a novice monk probably more accustomed to soccer than rugby, blew the whistle and shouted "Own try!"

The opposing team was awarded five points, and although some eyebrows were raised, no one complained. We lost by three points.

Yours truly,
ANTHONY CALDER-SMITH,
39 Fernthorpe Road, SW16.
October 9.

From Mr M. J. Knapp

Sir, Your piece about cheering from the touchline (report, "Play the game, public schools tell their boys", October 7) reminds me of an incident many years ago at my independent school.

I and another small boy were watching a rugby match. A member of the opposing side failed to convert a try. We clapped and cheered.

We were immediately sent inside by our housemaster and threatened with being banned from watching matches for the rest of term.

I now watch double-faults being applauded at Wimbledon and sadly contemplate what has happened in the intervening years.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN KNAPP,
1 Brooking Barn,
Ashprington, Totnes, South Devon.
October 8.

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Artists born and bred as Brummies

From Professor Stan Smith

Sir, Mr Wilfred Morgan's claim (letter, October 8) that "Nobody to my knowledge who was born and lived a major part of their life in Birmingham has ever risen to national prominence in the arts" cannot go unchallenged.

The greatest English poet of this century, W. H. Auden, was admittedly born in York; but his family moved to Birmingham (where his father became Chief Medical Officer for Schools and Professor of Public Health at the university) only a year after his birth, and he grew up there, outside school and college terms.

He continued to live with his parents in adulthood, between trips to Germany, Iceland, Spain and China, etc, throughout the 1930s until he emigrated to the United States in 1939. For a time in 1938 he even wrote a regular review column for the Birmingham *Town Crier.*

Such was Auden's commitment to the city in which he grew up that in *Letter to Lord Byron* in 1937 he announced that

Clearer than Scafell Pike, my heart has stamped on
The view from Birmingham to Wolverhampton.

Sadly, one of the Auden family homes, in Lordswood Road, near the swimming baths, is now demolished; but others, in Court Oak Road, Harborne, and, I believe, in Solihull, are still standing. It is time they were graced with blue plaques to celebrate this most English of 20th-century poets.

Yours sincerely,
STAN SMITH
(Auden Concordance Project),
University of Dundee,
English Department,
Dundee DD1 4HN.
October 8.

From Mr F. G. R. Fisher

Sir, If I may be allowed to make education in Birmingham rather than protracted residence there the criterion, how about Burne-Jones and Tolkien, both of them educated at King Edward's School — and, incidentally, at Exeter College, Oxford?

And would your readers wish to be denied the pleasure of reading the words of Burne-Jones about his experience at King Edward's? He was there in the 1840s, and he recollected 50 years later:

> I was stabbed at school ... in the groin. It didn't hurt much ... it was during prayers and so was kept from the headmaster of course.

Yours faithfully,
ROBSON FISHER
(Chief Master,
King Edward's School, 1974-82),
Craig Cottage, Lower Street,
Dittisham, nr Dartmouth, Devon.
October 8.

From Mr A. M. Guthrie

Sir, As another native of Erdington, I wonder, has Wilf Morgan never heard of Jasper Carrott?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN GUTHRIE,
13 Ty Newydd Drive,
Castleton, Cardiff.
October 8.

Ask a silly question . . .

From Father Jonathan Hemmings

Sir, I have little sympathy for the friend of Old Lancastrian Mr D. L. B. Hartley (letter, October 8) who was punished for writing in his Divinity Prize essay: "A Sabbath Day's Journey is from Lancaster to Morecambe Odeon." He should have known that the Sabbath refers to Saturday, not Sunday, thus making his journey unnecessary, *since on that day the* Odeon would have been open in Lancaster.

Yours sincerely,
JONATHAN HEMMINGS
(Chaplain and Head of Divinity),
Lancaster Royal Grammar School,
Lancaster, LA1 3EF.
October 8.

From Mr David J. Prescott

Sir, Had the pupil in question made *his response in more recent times*, he might well have taken the prize rather than a beating. It perfectly describes the time it seems to take to make this four-mile trip by road in 1997.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID J. PRESCOTT
(Director of Music,
Lancaster Royal Grammar School),
32 Greenwood Avenue,
Bolton-le-Sands,
Carnforth, Lancashire.
October 8.

Moveable feast

From Mrs Michelle Milsum

Sir, *Why do people complain that* Christmas comes earlier every year? With tinsel in shop windows, magic music on the radio, children's eyes filled with delight, family reunions, surely Christmas is something wonderful *to look forward to.*

In these days of gratuitously violent movies, rapes, muggings, homelessness and other miseries, what is wrong with thinking about Christmas early?

Yours sincerely,
MICHELLE MILSUM,
32 Wilberforce Court,
Kings Drive, Edgware, Middlesex.
October 10.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 11: The Princess Royal this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Vienna, Austria.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, this afternoon opened a new building at Minchinhampton Centre for the Elderly, Windmill Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, and was received by Major General Robin Grist (Deputy Lieutenant of Gloucestershire).

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN, NEW DELHI

October 12: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended Evensong this evening in Holy Trinity Church, Murree.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later left Islamabad, Pakistan, and flew to New Delhi, India.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were received at the Airport by the British High Commissioner to the Republic of India (His Excellency Sir David Gore-Booth) and the Minister in Attendance (Shrimati Kamla Sinha).

Mr E.J. Amos

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Ted Amos (Times obituary July 14, 1997) will be held on Saturday, November 15, 1997, at 11.30am, at Bedford School Chapel.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York, patron, Golf Foundation, will take part in the foundation's professional-amateur golf tournament, The Buckinghamshire Golf Club, Denham, at 10.00.

The Princess Royal, patron, Sense — the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, will open the first Yorkshire group home, 509 Leeds and Bradford Road, Leeds at 11.15; will attend a luncheon to launch a fundraising appeal at the Queens Hotel, City Square, at 12.30; will open a new unit for assessment respite, St Mary's Hospital, Armley, at 2.10; will visit Leeds Girls' High School, at 3.15; and will attend a reception for GAP — International Projects for Youth Exchange, at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London SW1, at 7.10.

Princess Margaret, patron, The Mathilda and Terence Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, will visit the institute's new premises at Charing Cross Hospital, London W6, at 5.00, and will tour the laboratories and attend a trustees' reception.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the Shri Swaminaryan Hindu Mission, Neasden, London NW10, at 3.05; and, as patron, Habitat for Humanity Great Britain, will attend a dinner at the House of Lords, at 7.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as patron, the Listening Library, will attend the annual meeting at Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2, at noon.

Latest wills

Maurice Leslie Smith, of Spalding, Lincolnshire, left estate valued at £1,341,104 net.

Elizabeth Brook, of Edgerton, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,680,366 net.
She left £1,000 to Kirkburton church, Kirkburton, Huddersfield.

Gertrude Reis, of Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £6,363,766 net.

Birthdays today

Air Vice-Marshal John Allen-Jones, 88; Mr Stephen Bayley, design consultant, 46; Lord Bingham of Cornhill, 64; Sir Roger Carrick, diplomat, 60; Mrs Edwina Currie, former MP, and novelist, 51; Sir Denis Forman, former deputy chairman, Granada Group, 80; Sir Leslie Fowden, FRS, agricultural scientist, 72; Mr George Gair, former High Commissioner for New Zealand, 71; Sir Roger Gibbs, chairman, Wellcome Trust, 63; Mr Michael Gooley, chairman, Trailfinders, 61; Mr Michael Heath, cartoonist, 62; Lord Justice Hutchison, 64; Sir Michael Jenkins, chairman, London Clearing House, 65; Mr J.M. Menzies, life president, John Menzies, 71; Mr John Regis, athlete, 31; Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier, 82; Mr Paul Simon, singer and songwriter, 56; Mr John Simpson, chief editor, Oxford English Dictionary, 44; Miss Rosemary Sisson, writer, 74; Mr J.A. Snow, former England cricketer, 56; Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS, 72; Mr Mordecai Vanunu, nuclear technician, 43; Lord Justice Waller, 57; Earl Winterton, 54.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward, Prince of Wales, Westminster, 1453; Allan Ramsay, artist, Edinburgh, 1713; Will Brockendon, writer, painter and inventor, Totnes, 1787; Lillie Langtry, actress, Jersey, 1853.

DEATHS: Nicolas Malebranche, philosopher, Paris, 1715; Sir Isaac Brock, soldier (the Hero of Upper Canada), killed in battle, Queenstown, 1812; Joachim Murat, soldier, King of Naples, self-styled Joachim Napoleon, executed, Pizzo, Italy, 1815; Canova, sculptor, Venice, 1822; Sir Henry Irving, actor, Bradford, 1905; Sidney Webb, Baron Passfield, cofounder London School of Economics, Liphook, Hampshire, 1947.

President George Washington laid the foundation stone of the White House, 1792.

Greenwich was adopted as the universal meridian, 1884.

Ramsay MacDonald made the first election broadcast on the BBC, on behalf of the Labour Party, 1924.

Ranby House Preparatory School

Preparations to mark the Golden Jubilee of Ranby House Preparatory School, in the calendar year of 1998, are underway. Pupil numbers are at an all-time high and recent major developments include a new Sports Hall Complex, new Information Technology Centre and a new Library. Old Ranbians are invited to contact the Headmaster, David Wansey, for details of the Golden Jubilee Old Ranbians Day, on Saturday, May 16, 1998. Ranby House School, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 8HX. Tel: 01777 703138; Fax: 01777 702813; E-mail: office@ranbyhouse.u-net.com

Nature notes

In Scotland, some dippers are coming down from the high moorland burns to the loch sides. They bob on the rocks as if their legs were hinged, or walk through the water with head submerged searching for food on the bottom. Sparrowhawks are hunting along the shores of estuaries: they will often catch a redshank as it flies up piping in alarm. Uncommon warblers from the east have been reported here and there: they include yellow-browed warblers from Asia, which are like small willow warblers with a bright eye-stripe, and barred warblers from Russia or Poland, which have their breasts streaked like a sparrowhawk. Bracken is crumpling and turning dark purple or orange; in damp Scottish forests the handsome tufts of royal fern are dying away. On the edge of the moors, there are still a few late barebells, and foxglove stalks with one or two flowers lingering on them. Leaves are falling steadily from the horse-chestnuts and lime trees. Beech trees are putting on a fine show of orange and yellow, while on most oaks and ashes the leaves are still green. As the winds turn colder, queen wasps are flying about looking for somewhere to hibernate. DJM

The sparrowhawk

Americans trace their bloody ancestors on CD-Rom

By Russell Jenkins

MARY EVANS PICTURE LIBRARY

A woodcut of a 14th-century Borders cattle raid

THE publication of a CD-Rom charting the bloody story of the marauding families of Britain's borders is expected to result in a flood of American visitors hoping to discover their roots.

For centuries the border "reivers" battled across the lawless border between Scotland and England. Almost 300 years after the Act of Union brought law and order to the region between York and Edinburgh, the new invaders will be armed with only a burning curiosity.

American tourists have been flocking to the land of the Border Reivers in search of the birthplace of their ancestors who were deported to the New World as a punishment or fled there to escape the feuding and marauding.

The multimedia program, already advertised in the United States on the Internet, is designed as a first base for those who want to trace their ancestry back to the Border Lands. It includes a "family tree" software program as part of its history menu.

Nick Winterbotham, director of Tullie House Museum, in Carlisle, said: "Every year hundreds of visitors from the US seek out their ancestry among the ancient ridings and castles of the border. Neil Armstrong, Billy Graham and Richard Nixon are just three whose nefarious forebears terrorised the border before the Act of Union in 1707.

"Our first sale came from the States where we have a Website. We are getting inquiries from people asking what the CD-Rom can tell them about their ancestry."

The Border Reivers held sway in the 350 years up to the end of the 16th century when Northumberland, Cumbria, the Scottish Borders and Dumfries and Galoway were ungovernable. The lance and the sword were more powerful than the word of the monarch and those in authority, the Warden families such as the Buccleuchs, Dacres, Homes and Scropes, were often the worst culprits.

The great border tribes — the Armstrongs, Grahams, Irvines, Kerrs, Scotts, Elliots, Maxwells, Charltons, Nixons and Musgraves — continually feuded among themselves. The Border Reiver bequeathed the word blackmail to the language.

> ‘A football match between two families ended in a bloodbath. The final score: two dead, 30 taken prisoner’

Robbery and blackmail were daily occurrences and raiding, arson, kidnapping, murder and extortion an accepted part of the social system, according to historians.

The Ordnance Survey is to produce a Reiver map in the spring charting the infamous low points of Reiver history, such as Carlisle Castle where the brigand Willy Armstrong was notoriously sprung from jail in 1596.

Three years later a football match in Bewcastle between the Armstrongs and the Ridleys ended in an ambush and a consequent bloodbath with the final score two dead and 30 taken prisoner. One injured Ridley survived; his "bowells came out but are sewed up againe (sic)," according to testimony at the time.

The Reivers took a dominant role in the last battle fought on English soil against a foreign foe when, in 1532, an invasion of 10,000 Scots were routed by 1,800 Reivers armed with 8ft lances known as prickers and riding short-legged ponies. More than 1,000 Scots lay dead on the battlefield, slaughtered by the cattle raiders and peasants who came to be known as Wharton's Prickers, after their military commander.

"We have had 50 e-mail messages via the Internet so far," Mr Winterbotham said. "I guess around 35 have come from the States. They tend to be from people interested in border history in general but the majority are from people with family interests."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.W.G. Scott-Brown and Miss F.C. Hunter
The engagement is announced between Martin, only son of Dr and Mrs G.G. Scott-Brown, of Farringdon, Oxfordshire, and Frances, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.M.G. Hunter, of Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr P.A. Thacher and Miss S.J. Sherbrooke
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Thacher, of New Canaan, Connecticut and North Haven, Maine, USA, and Sarah, daughter of Major C.G.L. Sherbrooke, retd, and Mrs Sherbrooke, of Fuengirola, Spain. The marriage will take place abroad.

Forces appointments

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

Captain: P D Greenish — MoD London in rank of Cdre, 16.12.97.
Commander: J J F Blunden — Staff of FOSF, 6.1.98; N R Corrigan — MoD London, 4.11.97; W J Magill — SSA Bristol, 7.11.97.
Surgeon Commander: A S C Allison — NBC Portsmouth, 10.3.98; A R Mugridge — RH Haslar, 10.2.98.

Royal Air Force

Air Commodore: E J Thornton — HQPTC, 17.10.97.
Group Captain: B I Titchen — o ICAOC Kalkar, 17.10.97; J Middleton — MoD, 17.10.97.
Wing Commander: D R Thompson — DTMX Andover, 1.9.97; A T Gell — HQLC Brampton, 8.9.97; R Lythaby — HQ DFTS Rudloe Manor, 11.1097.

Service luncheons

Royal Indian Navy (1612-1947) Association
Lieutenant Commander E.M. Shaw, RIN, President of the Royal Indian Navy (1612-1947) Association, presided at the annual luncheon held on Saturday at the Victory Services Club.

The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers
Brigadier W.J. Hiles presided at the annual London luncheon of The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers held on Saturday at The Queen's Club, West Kensington.

Dinner

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
Professor John Cash, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, was the host at the triennial dinner held on Saturday at 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh. Among others present were:
Lord Rodger of Earlsferry, FBA, Lord Hope of Craighead, Dr Else Borst-Eilers (Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport for The Netherlands), Air Marshal J A Baird, Sir Kenneth Calman and Professor Sir David Carter.

University news

Sunderland University
Sir David Puttnam (life peer) has been appointed the first Chancellor of Sunderland University.

Queens' College, Cambridge
Peter Edward Spence has been elected to a Bye Fellowship.

Marriages

Mr M.W.C. Browne and Mrs V.F. Mansell-Lewis
The marriage took place on Friday, October 10, 1997, at Holbrook, Somerset, between Mr Michael Browne and Mrs Veronica Mansell-Lewis.

Lieutenant-Colonel J.H. Gibbon and Miss K.M. Shaw
The marriage took place on Saturday in Sheffield Cathedral of Lieutenant-Colonel John Gibbon, son of the late General Sir John Gibbon and of Lady Gibbon, of Winchester, to Miss Katharine Shaw, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Shaw, of Sheffield. The Provost of Sheffield officated.

The Hon Angus G. Henderson and Miss A.J. Hedley
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Bibury, Gloucestershire, of the Hon Angus George Henderson, youngest son of Lord and Lady Faringdon, of Buscot Park, Oxfordshire, to Miss Alexia Jane Hedley, only daughter of Mrs Y.M. Hedley, of Westwood, Wiltshire. The Rev Graham R. Martin officiated.

Sir Andrew Jardine and Dr C.V. Griffith
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Andrew and St Mary Condover, Shrewsbury, of Sir Andrew Jardine, elder son of the late Brigadier Sir Ian Jardine and of Priscilla Lady Jardine, of Cheriton, Hampshire, to Dr Claire Vyvien Griffith, daughter of Dr and Mrs William Griffith, of The White House, Lyth Hill. Prebendary F. Rumball officiated.

Mr C. Lye and Miss S. Blois
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 11, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Blythburgh, Suffolk, between Mr Christopher Lye, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Lye, of Enstone, Oxfordshire, and Miss Susanna Blois, daughter of Mr Rodney Blois, of Yoxford, Suffolk, and Lady Caroline Blois. The Rev Barry Naylor and the Rev David Wippell officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sophie Whyte, Sophie Preece and Christopher Wheatley. Mr Jeremy Lye was best man.

The honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.L. Osborne and Dr B.J. Eppel
The marriage took place between Mr John L. Osborne and Dr Bee Eppel followed by a service in the Chapel of the Middlesex Hospital on Saturday, October 11. Canon W.F. Reid officiated.

Mr J.A. Stainton and Miss M.L. Tulloch
The marriage took place on Saturday at St John's, Dumfries, Scotland, of Mr John Stainton, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Stainton, of Hastingleigh, Kent, to Miss Miranda Tulloch, daughter of Mr John Tulloch and the late the Hon Mrs Tulloch, of Courance, Lockerbie. The Rev D.W. Bayne officiated.

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Do not forsake wisdom and she will watch over you; love her and she will safeguard you; cherish her, and she will lift you high. Proverbs 4 : 6,7

BIRTHS

DRAYSON - On October 3rd 1997, to Elspeth (née Bellhouse) and Paul, a son, James Alexander Rudd, a brother for Olivia.

FOX - On October 10th 1997, to Catherine (née Hooper) and Stephen, a son, Peter Charles, a brother for James and Charlotte.

GOWING - On September 29th, to Teresa (née Dowling) and Paul, a daughter, Anna Lucy, a sister to Alex and Katie.

LEWIS - On 9th October 1997, to Elizabeth (née Kirwan) and Alan, a precious daughter, Mari Elizabeth Heather, sister to wonderful Vaughn.

MELVIN EKMAN - On 5th September, to Lisa and Jeremy, twins, Joanna Naomi Charlotte and Thomas David Konstantin.

SIME WONG - On 3rd October 1997, London, UK, to Jill and Howard, a lovely bewitching daughter, MacKenzie Black Li Kae.

SPRAGG - On September 29th 1997, to Melissa (née Arnison-Newgass) and David, a beautiful daughter, Lola.

WILD - On 8th October, to Kate (née Holborow) and Robert, a daughter, Isobel, a sister for Jamie and Madeleine.

WILKINS - On October 9th 1997, to Andy (née Pearce) and Mark, a daughter, Olivia Hope, a sister for Alicia Grace.

DEATHS

BIERNACKA - On 5th October, peacefully at The North London Hospice, Anna Cornelia Biernacka aged 62. Funeral Service at New Southgate Crematorium, Brunswick Park Road, London N11 on Friday 17th October at 10.30 am.

DAUBNEY - Maria Alexandrina (Miekie) née Smit, widow of her much beloved husband Charles, dear sister, sister-in-law, aunt and great-aunt, died 10th October 1997 after most admirably coping with a long and slow progressive illness. Funeral Service will take place in the South London Crematorium, Rowan Road, London SW16, on 16th October 1997 at 1.45 pm. No flowers; donations if desired to the Refugee Council for the Karibu Day Centre via Ashton Funeral Services, 218 Kennington Park Road, London, SE11 4DA.

DOWNING - Diana (née Fullam) peacefully on 9th October, 1997, after a long illness borne with great fortitude and style. Cherished Wife of Pat and much loved mother of Colin and Jane, grandmother of Emma, Rosalyn and James. Much loved also by Deborah, Guy and James and their children. The Funeral Service will be held at Norse Road Crematorium, Bedford on 16th October, 1997 at 11.20 am. Family flowers only please to A L & G Abbott, 150 Bedford Road, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 8BH. Donations if desired please to The Hodgkin's Disease and Lymphoma Association, PO Box 275, Haddenham, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP17 8JJ.

ELLISON - Edward Wilfrid O.B.E. (formerly of The Colonial Administrative Service Ghana, Sabah and Nigeria). Peacefully on October 8th 1997. Beloved husband of Enid and father of Kate, father-in-law of Andrew and grandfather of Edward, Emily, Tory and Doug. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at All Saints Church, Crowborough, Sussex on Wednesday, October 22nd at 2 pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired for The Sussex Housing Association for the Aged c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough (01892) 655000.

HIVES - John Warwick 2nd Baron Hives, C.B.E. passed away on October 8th 1997, aged 83 years, dearly loved husband of Gladys (Lady Hives). Funeral Thursday October 16th. Service 12.30pm in St Michael's Church, Sutton on The Hill, Derbyshire. Family flowers only please, but if desired, donations (payable to G. Wathall & Son Ltd.) may be sent to 101, Macklin Street, Derby. DE1 1LG which will be divided between St Michael's Church, The Queens Hospital and The Dove River Practice.

KERR - Andrew died peacefully on 5th October 1997 aged 71. Dearly beloved husband, father and grandfather. Private funeral on Friday 17th October at 2 pm at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations would be gratefully received by Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Holmes & Daughters, Undertakers, tel: (0181) 392-1012.

MACKAY - John Mackay OBE on October 9th, peacefully after a long illness. Beloved husband of Jean and formerly of the late Elizabeth, father of June and Robin and will be greatly missed by family and friends. Funeral service at St Mary the Virgin, Hartfield 2.30pm October 17th followed by private cremation at Tunbridge Wells. Family flowers only. Donations to: Halliwell Amenity Fund, c/o The Halliwell, Kingswood Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4UR. Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Shincliffe at 2.30pm on Thursday October 30th.

RANCE - Mary Noel, on Friday October 10th, aged 92, beloved wife of the late Sir Hubert Rance. Dearly loved by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral at 3.30pm on Thursday October 16th at Park Crematorium, Aldershot. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Disabled Housing Trust, Shinewater Court, Eastbourne, BN23 8BD.

McKAY - John Dermot died peacefully on October 6th in Parkdene Nursing Home, Brighton. He will be remembered affectionately by all his friends worldwide. His funeral service will be held at St John's Church, London Road, Preston Park, Brighton, at 11.30 am on Friday 17th October. Donations, if desired, to help children of the ukraine affected by the chernobyl disaster (cheques to British Humanitarian Aid) may be sent to Dearman & Haynes Funeral Services, 56 Ladies Mile Road, Patcham, Brighton BN1 8QF.

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YEVGENI KHALDEI

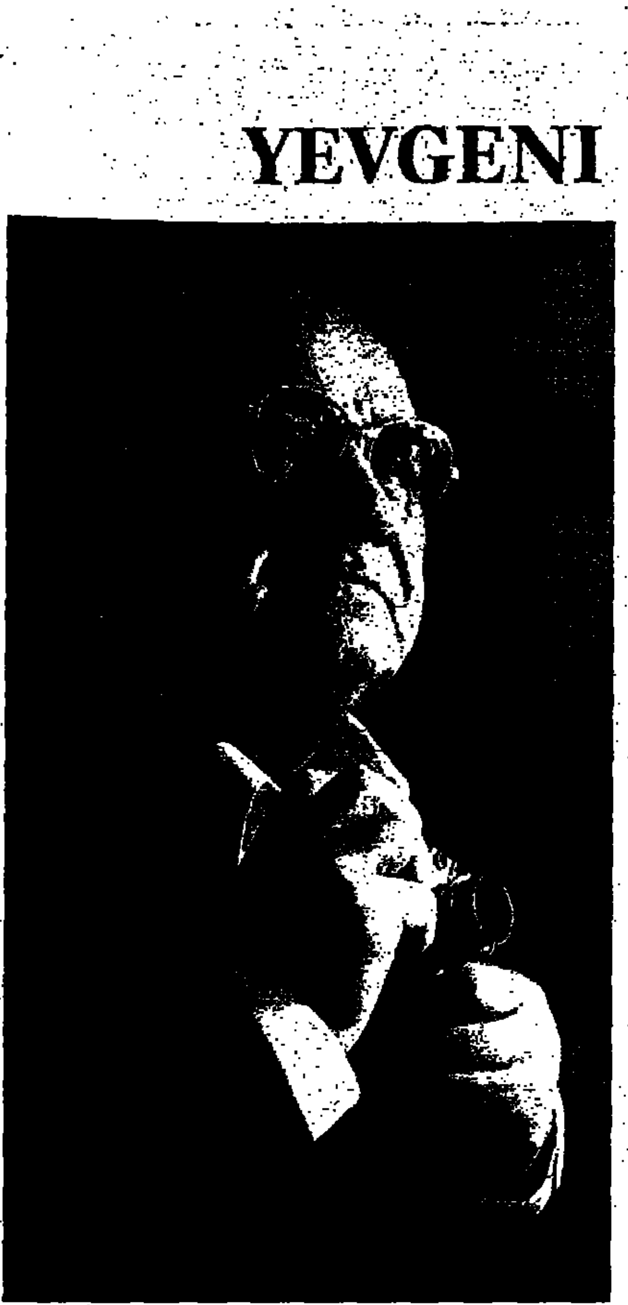
Yevgeni Khaldei, Ukrainian war photographer, died on October 7 aged 80. He was born on March 10, 1917.

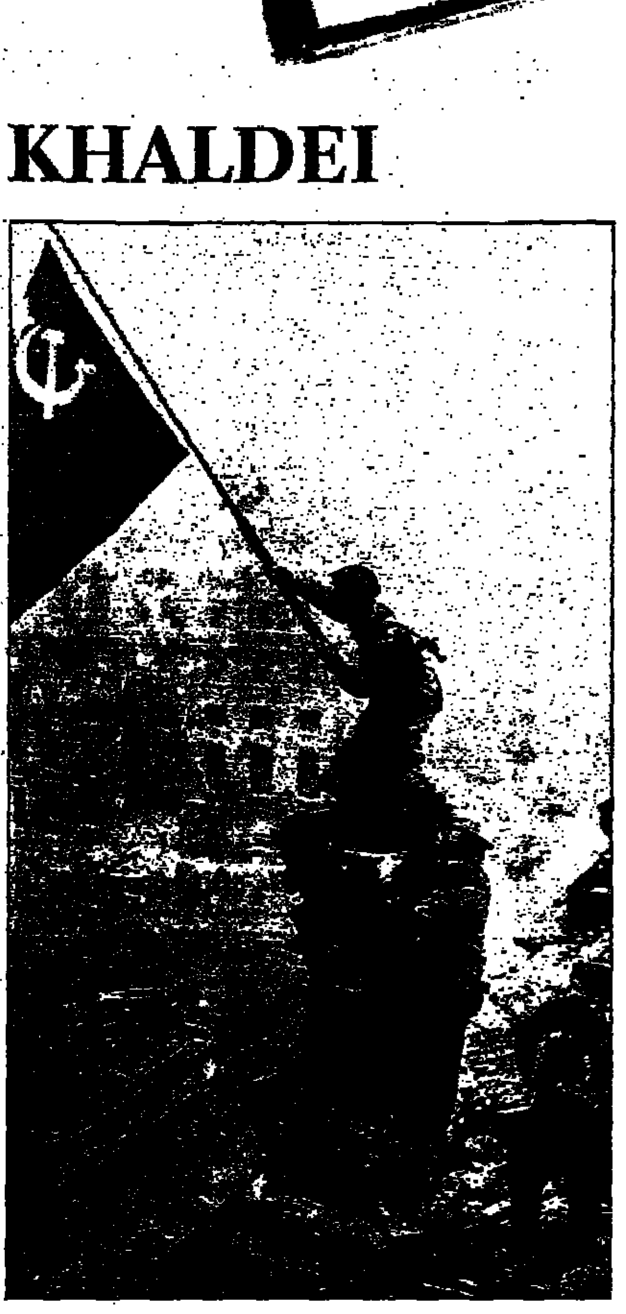
YEVGENI KHALDEI has his place in the history of photography for having captured one of the most telling moments of the Second World War — a Soviet soldier raising the Red Flag over the Reichstag against the backdrop of the wrecked and burning city of Berlin. Only later did it emerge that this apparently spontaneous gesture of triumph, symbolising the end of the Soviet Union's four years' war against the armies of the Third Reich, had been contrived. Nevertheless, like the picture of American Marines raising the Stars and Stripes over Iwo Jima, it remains one of the most potent images of the Allied victory.

As the Soviet Army pushed westwards after the decisive battles of Kursk and Orel in the summer of 1943, Khaldei had been highly successful as an official Tass photographer recording the milestones of conquest. But when the Russians reached Berlin in the last days of April 1945, Khaldei found that there were no red flags large enough for the picture he wanted. He returned to Moscow, but could not find one even there. In the end Tass's head of stores, Grisha Lubinsky, suggested three bright red tablecloths used for editorial meetings.

Khaldei gratefully signed them out and took them to his uncle, a tailor, who sat up all night sewing on hammers and sickles.

Returning to Berlin, Khaldei was able to display the first of the tablecloths at the city's Tempelhof airport when it fell on April 22, 1945. The second was used just after dawn on May 2, when Soviet troops reached the Brandenberg Gate. Khaldei climbed up to the quadriga on top of the gate, wrapped the tablecloth round the chariot and horses and photographed it.





Two hours later, with Red Army troops surging around the Reichstag, a third opportunity presented itself. Bitter fighting was still going on in the basement, but Khaldei told several soldiers to follow him up to the roof, where he took his most famous pictures.

It was part of the mythology of the moment that a Georgian infantryman called Kaldaria had held the flag aloft, which was very gratifying to Stalin, who was himself a Georgian. "But it wasn't true," Khaldei was later to say. "The actual soldier holding the flag was called Alexei Kovalyov. The soldier hanging onto his legs to stop him falling off was a guy from Daghestan, whose name I never got."

Flushed with triumph, Khaldei returned to the Tass office to be confronted by a furious Lubinsky demanding the return of the tablecloths. In vain did Khaldei tell him that they were now fluttering in Berlin. "You signed for them, I want them back," yelled the enraged storeman. Khaldei shrugged and went off to take pictures at the Potsdam conference.

Yevgeni Khaldei was born in the Ukrainian steel town of Donbass, the youngest of six children of a Jewish bookbinder. During the civil war which racked the Soviet Union in the aftermath of the Revolution, the area was for some time under the domination of anti-Bolshevik forces which on occasions whipped up anti-Semitic passions. On March 13, 1918, while holding the infant Yevgeni in her arms, his mother was shot by a member of an anti-Jewish mob, the bullet passing through the child's thigh before killing her.

At the age of 12 Khaldei left school to work in the steel mills; but he had always wanted to be a photographer and, at 15, after submitting some work taken with a home-made box camera, he obtained a post on the local Communist Party newspaper. Here he celebrated the exploits of the steelmen, miners and pioneers who were creating a brave new industrial world for Stalin. His taste for heroic composition greatly recommended him to the authorities, and at just 18 he landed himself a plum post with the Soviet news agency Tass.

When war came to the Soviet Union in June 1941 he went straight to the battlefront, and he remained in the thick of the action throughout. At the end of the war he was in the Far East as the Red Army invaded Manchuria. As a photographer he was completely self-contained, carrying all his chemicals wherever he went.

But, despite his fame in Soviet journalistic circles, he was to fall from favour with Stalin because of some pictures he took in Belgrade of Marshal Tito, with whom he had got on well. When, after the war, Tito successfully extricated Yugoslavia from the Soviet bloc to pursue his own vision of socialism, an NKVD informer showed the genial pictures to the authorities, and Khaldei was sacked from Tass. Thereafter he lived under a cloud; and yet when Stalin died, Khaldei wept. "He was a terrible man," he said, "but also a great man."

After Stalin's death, life was easier for him, but he never regained his former place. Latterly, he lived quietly on his own in his Moscow flat.

T. C. GARDNER

T. C. Gardner, CBE, former Treasurer of Cambridge University, died on September 24, aged 80. He was born on August 3, 1917.

TREVOR GARDNER had a distinguished career in two widely differing fields of financial administration. He first served in Northern Rhodesia (later Zambia), where he became Minister of Finance, and then, when the country became self-governing, moved to Cambridge as deputy treasurer and then treasurer of the university.

Trevelyan Codrington Gardner was educated at Taunton's School, Southampton, and at Queen's College, Oxford. He served in the Hampshire Regiment during the Second World War, and rose to the rank of major. In 1946 he joined the Colonial Service and was sent to Northern Rhodesia at an exciting time for that country.

Initially, Gardner was sent to a rural development district, but his administrative abilities and drive were very soon recognised and he was quickly posted to serve with the central government administration in the capital, Lusaka. Although in the course of his service in Northern Rhodesia he travelled widely around that country, he was never stationed outside Lusaka again. Working in the financial and economic branches of the administration, and became closely involved in all the swift developments that gave Northern Rhodesia a firm base for independence.

In 1953 the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland was formed, comprising Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Gardner was always a strong opponent of the federation, which he regarded as detrimental to the interests of the people of Northern Rhodesia. Because of the strength of its copper revenues, Northern Rhodesia was financially the soundest of the three countries, but Gardner feared that the funds that it needed for future development would be drained away by Southern Rhodesia, which was already far more highly developed.

Gardner served on the Monckton Commission — which was appointed to examine the progress of the federation and to consider its future — and he made no secret of his satisfaction when the work led quickly to the federation's dissolution. This step was followed by the granting of internal self-government at the beginning of 1964, and in October of that year the country obtained its full independence.

In 1960 Gardner became Minister of Finance, an office which he held until his retirement in 1964. He was also a member of the Legislative Council. In 1961-62 he held the additional office of Minister of Local Government and Social Welfare. Gardner brought to his work considerable energy, imagination and drive. He was well liked and respected, and had many friends of all races.

Despite his well-known opposition to the federation, he remained on excellent terms with Sir Roy Welensky, both at the time and long afterwards. When Northern Rhodesia was granted internal self-government, an African was appointed Minister of Finance and, although he accepted this as inevitable, Gardner was very disappointed that no opportunity was given him to continue to serve the newly independent country. He had been appointed CBE in 1960.

On his return to Britain, he secured the post of deputy treasurer of Cambridge University, and quickly reorganised much of the running of its finances. When the post of treasurer became vacant in 1969, it was no surprise that Gardner was appointed to it, and he remained treasurer until his retirement in 1983. During that time, all British universities experienced financial difficulties caused by underfunded expansion, inflation and high pay settlements, but Gardner mitigated the effects on the work of the university as far as possible.

He also helped to establish schemes to support students from overseas who could not otherwise afford a Cambridge education. The Livingstone Scholarships for students from South Africa, the Prince Philip Scholarships for students from Hong Kong, and the Commonwealth Trust for students from other parts of the Commonwealth were all established in the early 1980s.

In 1966 he was involved in setting up the American Friends of Cambridge University, an organisation that now brings considerable financial support to the university and its colleges from American graduates.

Gardner remained extremely active after retiring from the university treasurership. From 1990 he was involved with the Cambridge Capital Group (now the Cambridge Research Group), which develops commercial applications for new discoveries emerging from research within the university.

Gardner had many interests outside his work. He was a governor of Stonyhurst College and chairman of the governors of St Bede's Roman Catholic School in Cambridge. He was also a trustee of many other organisations, as diverse as the Cambridge Union and the university rugby club. He was a fellow of Wolfson and an honorary fellow of Darwin and Robinson Colleges. And he played a leading part in building Fisher House, a Roman Catholic centre in the middle of Cambridge for students and others. He was never a sleeping partner in any activity, always giving of his energies to the full.

In 1944 he married Briege, daughter of Patrick Feeham of Dundalk in Ireland, and she and their two sons and three daughters survive him.

MARGARET CARMICHAEL

Margaret Carmichael introducing the Queen to a patient at Moorfields Eye Hospital

Margaret Carmichael, OBE, Matron of Moorfields Eye Hospital 1947-70, died on September 23 aged 87. She was born on January 31, 1910.

MARGARET CARMICHAEL — better known by her maiden name, Margaret Mackellar — was not only matron of Moorfields Eye Hospital for 23 years, but founded the International Ophthalmic Nurses Association, and worked extensively with other organisations promoting training within this specialised field of nursing.

Born in Scotland and educated at Kilmarnock Academy, Margaret Brown Carmichael began her career in 1930 and trained at Charing Cross, Great Ormond Street and Queen Charlotte's. During the war she was on the Territorial Army reserve list until forced to stand down because of ill-health. She then took charge of training at Great Ormond Street for a while, before being appointed assistant matron and sister tutor at Moorfields in 1944, where she became matron in 1947.

As matron her career became more involved with the training of student nurses, not only in this country but overseas. She advised on training schemes for the Middle East, Canada, Australia, India and Pakistan, and a project particularly close to her heart was the development of the Hospital of St John in Jerusalem, which specialises in ophthalmics.

In 1955 she set up the International Ophthalmic Nurses Association, with the object of providing an international forum for nurses engaged in the profession to share their knowledge and experience. She served as its president until her death.

She also served as a Justice of the Peace in the Thames Division for many years, and was vice-president of the London District of the St John Ambulance Brigade, life president of the Opthalmic Nursing Board, chairman of the Board of Examiners, an executive member of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, a representative of the Matrons' Society for the Whitley Council and a Dame of the Order of St John of Jerusalem. She was appointed OBE in 1970.

In 1943 she married John Carmichael, a director of Tate & Lyle, which meant that on her appointment at Moorfields she was the first married woman to be appointed matron of a teaching hospital for 100 years.

Blessed with a warm and generous personality, Margaret Carmichael maintained contact with colleagues and students all over the world until the onset of Alzheimer's disease. Her husband died in 1984. There were no children.

GEORGE CLARK

George Clark, campaigner, died on September 20 aged 71. He *was born on July 31, 1926.*

GEORGE CLARK was once described by a judge as "the most dangerous man in the country". He passed through radical movements like the bird in Bede's parable of human life, flying in from the night — through the hall — and out again into the night. His appearances always began well, but often went swiftly wrong.

According to his own account, he was born in Edmonton, evacuated to Cambridgeshire during the war, did his National Service in the Navy, attended the Cambridge College of Technology and Goldsmiths' College, London, where he took a degree in sociology. When he first appeared on the political scene, he was doing market reserach for the Metal Box Company.

Like many others of his generation, he was radicalised by the crises over Suez and Hungary in 1956; but his first political act came a couple of years later. He led a group in the Partisan coffee-house in Soho, who were less interested in socialist theory than in practical action about the squalid aspects of the affluent society. In 1959 he started a promising campaign against the housing conditions in Notting Hill, which were considered to be the breeding ground of the 1958 race riots, but this soon collapsed.

His next action was with the peace movement. He became secretary of the London region of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and acted as a marshal for the Aldermaston marches. But in 1960, faced with spreading scandal — both financial and sexual — he suffered a breakdown and went into hospital.

He then became committed to more radical action. He became chief marshal of the Committee of 100, which organised campaigns of civil disobedience and was responsible for the practical organisation of the sit-down protests in 1961. But in 1962, faced with growing distrust and failing to get his own way, he moved on again.

His next act was a venture of his own, though it was financed by Howard Cheney, a wealthy farmer long active in the peace movement. This was the Campaign Caravan, in which he led a small group of young people across the country during 1962 in an old bus to preach the message of nuclear disarmament. This reached more individuals than any other part of the movement, and the following year it became a permanent element of the movement, as Caravan Workshops. In 1964, however, after falling out with his colleagues again, he finally left CND.

His last act in the cause of peace was a public fast in Parliament Square against the Vietnam War in 1965, which succeeded only in making him look ridiculous.

He may have lacked consistency, but he never lacked courage. He was imprisoned several times in 1961-63, first for two months, then for nine months and finally for 18 months. He had notably bad luck in being harshly sentenced, but good luck in winning unlikely appeals.

During a short interval in his campaigning activity, he visited the United States and worked on Howard Cheney's farm. He intended to write a book about his political activities, but he succeeded only in contributing essays or interviews to other people's books on the peace movement.

He then returned to his old stage of local community work in various parts of London and around the country. For thirty years he was active as a leader of community workshops and pioneer of neighbourhood councils, as a founder of pressure groups and committees, inspirer of research about and activity against urban deprivation, and maker of trouble both for the authorities and for his colleagues.

There was never any doubt about his commitment to his various causes, but there were often suspicions about his real concerns, and there were always questions about the man himself. He seemed to have no family or friends, no occupation, culture or beliefs, no property or income, no loyalty or intimacy.

He was briefly married, but this did not fit well with the rest of his life. (His wife, Mary Grigg, later wrote an authoritative account of the Challenor affair, when a senior police detective was proved to be running an organised system planting false evidence in London's West End.) He was always a doer rather than a thinker, a speaker rather than a writer. Even people who worked with him for a long time found him a puzzle. Whatever he was trying to do, he perhaps did more good than harm.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Peter Clement, Curate, Manchester (Apostles) w Miles Platting (Manchester): to be half-time Team Vicar, Sole Bay Team, with special responsibility for Wangford, Uggeshall and Sotherton, and half-time, Halesworth Deanery, with responsibility for developing local ministry (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich).

The Rev Andrew Dawson, Vicar, Shevington St Anne (Blackburn): to be International Officer (and Team Leader for Evangelism, Ecumenism and International Affairs) (same diocese).

The Rev Nigel Di Castiglione, Assistant Curate, Tamworth (Lichfield): to be Priest-in-Charge, Trentham (same diocese).

The Rev Andrew Edmunds, Curate, Torquay St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity (Exeter): to be Vicar, Ripley All Saints (Derby).

The Rev Royston Grosvenor, Rector, Merstham and Gatton (Southwark): to be Vicar, Tidenham w Beachley and Lancaut (Gloucester).

The Rev Graham Hitchins, Curate, Bishops Waltham (Portsmouth): to be Team Vicar designate, Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton and Awliscombe (Exeter).

The Rev Peter Jaram, Assistant Curate, Rufforth w Moor Monkton and Hessay, and Healaugh w Wighill, Bilbrough and Askam Richard (York): to be Priest-in-Charge, Healaugh w Wighill, Bilbrough and Askham Richard, and part-time Chaplain, Askham Bryan College (same diocese).

The Rev David Little, Curate, Chislehurst Christ Church (Rochester): to be Team Vicar, Marlbrook (Bath & Wells).

The Rev Rebekah Little, Assistant Curate, Chislehurst Christ Church (Rochester): to be NSM Assistant Curate, Marlbrook (Bath & Wells).

Canon Charmion Mann, part-time Priest-in-Charge, Lacock w Bowden Hill (Bristol): to be also part-time Assistant Curate, Greater Corsham (same diocese).

The Rev Graham Mayer, Priest-in-Charge, Christow, Trusham, Brisford and Ashton (Exeter): to be also Priest-in-Charge, Dunchideock, Shillingford St George w Ide (same diocese).

The Rev Robert Miles, Vicar, Painswick w Sheepscombe, and Priest-in-Charge, of the Conventional District of Cranham (Gloucester): to be Vicar, Painswick w Sheepscombe and Cranham — new benefice (same diocese).

The Rev David Pollard, Assistant Curate to the Conventional District of Parkwood Christ Church, (Canterbury): to be Rector, Lanreath and Pelynt (Truro).

The Rev John Postill, Team Vicar, Winfarthing w Shelfanger (Chichester): to be Assistant Curate, Busbridge with special responsibility for Hambledon (Guildford).

The Rev Mary Ridgewell, NSM, Bradford Peverell, Stratton, Prampton and Sydling St Nicholas (Salisbury): to be Chaplain, HMYOI Guy's Marsh, Shaftesbury (same diocese).

The Rev Barry Sanders, Team Rector, Walsall (Lichfield): to be also Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral.

The Rev Teresa Stewart-Sykes, NSM, Meir Heath (Lichfield): to be Assistant Curate, same benefice.

Retirements and resignations

The Rev John Parkinson, Vicar, Berrow w Pendock, Eldersfield, Hollybush and Birtsmorton (Worcester) retired September 30.

The Rev Gerald Pembery, Assistant Curate, Bream (Gloucester) retired July 28.

The Rev Robert Woodward, Rector, Wymington w Podington (St Albans) retired October 7.

Corrections

The Very Rev Brian Horlock, Dean of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Gibraltar, and also Chaplain, Gibraltar (Europe) to retire June 7, 1998.

The Rev Dr John Parr, Priest-in-Charge, Harston w Hauxton, and Continuing Ministerial Education Officer (Ely): to be also Priest-in-Charge, Newton St Margaret (same diocese).

ON THIS DAY

October 13, 1936

The Dover-Dunkirk train ferry was not, perhaps, the giant leap forward which the building of the Channel Tunnel was to make possible. It was, nevertheless, the realisation of a dream by that remarkable railwayman, Sir Herbert Walker

NEW TRAIN FERRY
DOVER-DUNKIRK ROUTE OPENED
A BOON TO BAD SAILORS

From Our Special Correspondent

DOVER, Oct. 12

By pressing a button in the pump house at the new ferry dock at Dover the French Ambassador (M. Corbin) today officially inaugurated the Southern Railway Company's new through sleeping-car service between London and Paris *via* Dover and Dunkirk. The button gave a signal for the lowering of the dock gates, and when these had disappeared beneath the water the steamer Hampton Ferry steamed into the harbour on her voyage, which to-day was to Calais.

Half an hour earlier a number of guests of the company from London and Paris assembled in the steamer's garage on the top deck, where the AMBASSADOR said that every new route that is opened stimulated traffic, and brought about an increase in trade. The present time offered particular reasons for anticipating such an expansion. The currency alignment which had just been carried out by the French Government following an understanding with London and Washington, and the steps taken a few days ago in France in order to relieve the pressure of tariffs and modify, or even abolish, quotas, must promote the development of trade between the two countries. The new route would be one of the first to benefit from those advantages. The ferry service would attract many business men, for whom every hour counted. Mr R. HOLLAND-MARTIN, the chairman of the company, who presided on behalf of the Southern Railway, extended thanks to the French Ambassador for being there on that occasion, which was an indication of his feeling towards the new link with France. The train ferry was the fulfilment of a dream, dreamt by Sir Herbert Walker, and its construction had been fraught with very great difficulties, among which were the high rise in the tide, and the fact that the site was a very windy one in which to put the ferry. In looking for a port on the other side of the Channel they chose Dunkirk on account of its magnificent docks and the great improvements which had been carried out there. When the work was started at Dover they were assured by geologists that what they put down would be on the solid chalk. The first difficulty encountered was the weather, and then, when they started to build walls of concrete, it was found that there were fissures in the chalk rock forming the sea bed. Finally they decided to carry out the work under the sea.

People who were bad sailors had for a long time dreaded changing from train to ship, but that would now be avoided, and passengers could travel in comfortable sleepers. They would go to bed at Victoria and sleep right through the journey to Paris, arriving there in time for their work in the morning. The service should also be a great help to trade, as the objection to sending perishable goods and breakables had been that of transhipment. Goods could now be placed anywhere in Europe, and the wagons would go right through.

THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Rome football police under fire

■ Inquiries were under way last night into how an expensive and long-planned police operation to control crowds at the Italy v England World Cup qualifying game degenerated into the weekend's violent confrontations in Rome.

The FA is determined to prevent trouble for English fans at next summer's World Cup in France. Explanations are being sought from the Italian authorities for the behaviour of their police towards England's 9,000 supporters Pages 1, 3, 25-27, 33

Defence and Trade to bail out NHS

■ The ministries of Defence and Trade have been told to find hundreds of millions of pounds in savings to stave off a winter hospital crisis in the NHS. The announcement of the funding, ordered by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will be made by the Treasury within the next week .... Page 1

Last Messerschmitt

The last airworthy Messerschmitt 109 fighter crashed during an air show at Duxford, Cambridgeshire. The pilot, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison, was unhurt .... Page 1

School sacking fund

A fund of nearly £20 million is being prepared by the Government to help head teachers to speed up the sacking of the country's worst teachers, *The Times* has learnt .... Page 1

Hague showdown

William Hague faces a showdown with Tory backbenchers who have launched a bid to block reforms of the party including a vote for grassroot members in leadership contests .... Page 2

Blair meets Adams

Tony Blair will be the first Prime Minister to meet an Irish republican leader in 76 years when he comes face to face with Gerry Adams at Stormont .... Page 4

MP in the limelight

The private life of the Tory MP Piers Merchant took a bizarre twist when his wife appeared for the tabloid press with the girl alleged to be his mistress . Page 5

BBC book sale

The BBC is to sell 60,000 books and close two of its lending libraries. Loan stock will be removed from Broadcasting House and Bush House .... Page 6

Diving deaths

The police criticised training standards in scuba diving after an investigation into the deaths of three inexperienced divers at a diving school in Leicestershire this year .... Page 7

Change of mind

Doctors, accountants and other expert witnesses used by lawyers in court cases are regularly asked to modify their opinions by instructing solicitors, according to a survey .... Page 8

Boost for Britain

Britain will be awarded high marks by the European Union in Luxembourg for progress in bringing its economy into line for qualifying for economic and monetary union .... Page 9

The Queen criticised

The Queen arrived in India to a hostile press reception, reflecting suspicions that she is being used to promote a hidden for a solution to the Kashmir crisis .... Page 10

Clinton's dream

President Clinton, on his first trip to South America, will invoke his old dream of a pan-American trading bloc extending from Alaska to Argentina .... Pages 11, 21

Mossad inquiry

An inquiry into the most bungled mission by Israel's Mossad secret service, the attempt to assassinate a Hamas leader, opened at a secret location in Israel .... Page 14

Now read on: famous first words

■ The opening lines of some of the greatest writers have entered the *Oxford Dictionary of Literary Quotations* as a subject in their own right. There are 41 entries, which are not claimed to be the best quotes, but those which have become part of the collective conscious. The publishers are aware that their list will provoke debate .... Pages 6, 21

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Britain's Russell Reid and Andrew Watson pulling away from Tenerife at the start of a rowing race to Barbados. Page 2

Mega merger: BAT, the cigarettes and insurance giant, is in talks with Zurich Insurance to create one of the world's biggest financial services companies .... Page 48

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Football: Scotland, by beating Latvia in Glasgow, and England, by drawing in Italy, ensured safe passage to the World Cup finals in France next summer... Pages 25-28

Boxing: Joe Calzaghe, of Wales, condemned Chris Eubank to defeat on his return to the ring when he won the vacant WBO super-middleweight title on points in Sheffield .... Page 31

Golf: Vijay Singh, of Fiji, won £170,000 and avenged his defeat in last year's final when he ended Ernie Els's remarkable three-year reign in the Toyota World Match Play at Wentworth .... Page 32

Rugby union: Wasps preserved their 100 per cent Heineken Cup record and ensured a home draw in the quarter-finals, when they beat Swansea at Loftus Road.... Page 34

Melvyn Bragg: "This is the exotic week of the two Bookers. One in the City to anoint the Booker novel of 1997. The other in Cheltenham for the novel of 1847. Both will be a damned close-run thing"... Page 18

Medieval drama: David Bintley's new ballet *Edward II*, unveiled by Birmingham Royal Ballet, proves he is a choreographer not afraid to take risks .... Page 18

Dancing dodgems: The Roundhouse in north London is open again, courtesy of a Belgian theatre company which combines children and dodgem cars .... Page 19

Irish theatre: Thomas Kilroy's experimental play *The Secret Fall of Constance Wilde* at the Abbey; the Gate presents Joe O'Connor's *The Weeping of Angels* .... Page 19

Painful decision: "Recently, I had an abortion. I know I am not the first middle-class, married woman with children to have done so, but I do not know of anyone else in my situation" .... Page 16

Gleefully subversive actor: Ewan McGregor, on the brink of being Britain's big new name, talks to Grace Bradberry .... Page 17

Huygens probe: The biggest planetary explorer of all lifts off on a seven-year journey to Saturn and its 18 moons. Anjana Ahuja reports .... Page 15

The Fifth Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba, which has seen the recovery of the figure of Che Guevara, has been marked by intransigence. How much longer can the regime last, when its main recipe is more sacrifice? Castro and the priviliged nomenklatura that surrounds him will, without doubt, try to make sure it goes on as long as possible. This simply means a bad situation will get worse — *El Pais*

A single ticket-holder won the £8,548,888 jackpot. Twenty-two people matched five balls and the bonus to collect £119,564 each and 770 people matched five balls to take £2,135. Winning numbers: 15, 17, 18, 27, 34 and 40. Bonus ball: 29

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **ARTS**

The extravagant and hypnotic paintings of Rossetti go on show at the Tate Gallery

■ **LAW**

***The Times* launches its annual essay competition — on the controversial topic of privacy**

Preview: A combination of DIY and game show: two teams create an Edwardian kitchen in *Period Rooms* (Ch 5, 8.00pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond sees James Purefoy continue a dance with time in *Bright Hair* (BBC1) .... Pages 46, 47

In the virtual library

It is time to reinvent the library. More than half a millennium after Gutenberg first used moveable type, a revolution at least as profound in the storage and transmission of information is passing Britain's libraries by .... Page 21

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American Presidents invariably travel thousands of miles while in office. Yet they rarely visit their own backyard .... Page 21

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First lines fire the opening salvo of a book. They are not often representative of the chapters marching up behind them .... Page 21

FRANK PROCHASKA

The Crown, far from impeding reforms, as republicans imagine, makes make it easier to implement them .... Page 20

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

In a few days' time the world's stock markets will see the tenth anniversary of the 1987 crash; it is 68 years since the Great Wall Street crash of 1929 ... It used to be said that if America caught a cold, Europe would have pneumonia; now if the United States catches pneumonia, Europe can expect a nasty bout of flu .... Page 20

PETER RIDDELL

Tony Blair faces a series of decisions — over a single currency, electoral reform and the welfare state — that will show what lies behind his rhetoric about "hard choices" .... Page 20

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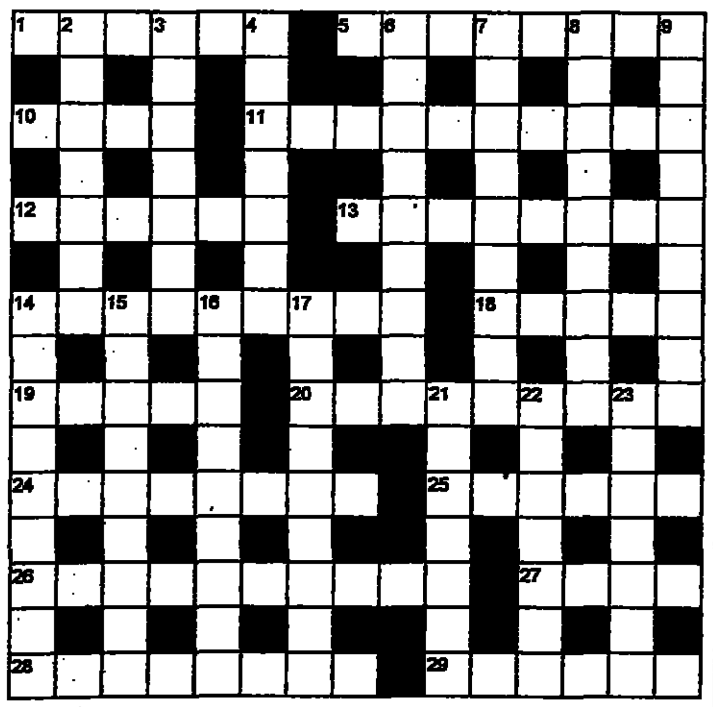

ACROSS

1 Spoken by Scots, it can sound like French (6).
5 Dash of sauce initially placed by dish (8).
10 Pine less so after being cut down? (4).
11 Erratic prisoner caught in a moment (10).
12 Mother put in request for reversible fabric (6).
13 Loudly summon boy — one involved in suspect activities (6-2).
14 Humility cartoonist's shown about appearance (9).
18 Old tribe's not altogether nice nickname (5).
19 Beat some seeds (5).
20 Bridge opponents doubled without trifling, to teach a lesson (9).
24 A pupil originally with little desire to take courses (8).
25 Destitution of writer unknown outside old city (6).
26 Musical sounds emitted by the earliest tweeters? (4,6).
27 Ready for business? It's yet to be decided (4).
28 Countryman's right to keep one in the mountains (8).
29 French art gallery's total possessions (6).

DOWN

2 Chaos for cockneys taking trouble to produce fruit (7).
3 A gull is entangled in this sheet of canvas (7).
4 Elegant fellow easily scared (7).
6 Arguments for and against rising Liberal American governor (9).
7 Expressing agreement when moved during a musical performance (9).
8 Fugitive, having fled, is put up in temporary accommodation (9).
9 Capacity to remember and enter into new arrangement (9).
14 European's scheme to replace last of butter in larder (9).
15 Bat with hesitation, without initially practising self-control (9).
16 The very same dialect in translation (9).
17 Selective procedures that should exclude double-crossers (9).
21 Admission of fogyism produces deadlock (7).
22 Striking worker's first statement to press (4-3).
23 Sound fellow making token payment (7).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,608 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

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☐ **General:** A cold day with a blustery wind adding to the chill in the north and east. Scotland, northeast England and East Anglia will have showers, some of them sharp, and sunny spells. Other areas will have long spells of sunshine with the odd shower.

Tonight, a few showers towards North Sea coasts at first; these will die out to leave a dry night in all parts. Cold everywhere, with air frost in northern parts. Touch of frost likely on the grass away from the coast elsewhere.

☐ **London, SE England:** Sunny spells, a few showers. Cold, blustery NW wind. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **E Anglia, E, NE England:** Cold and windy with sunshine and showers. Fresh NW wind. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Cent S, SW England, Channel Is:** Dry with sunny spells. A light to moderate NW wind. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **W Midlands, S Wales, N Ireland:** Dry with sunny spells. Light to moderate NW wind. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **E Midlands, N Wales, NW, Cent N England, Lakes, IoM:** Cold with sunny spells and the odd shower. Moderate NW wind. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Borders, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** Sunny. Feeling cold. Blustery N wind. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland,** Cold, windy with sunny spells and showers. Fresh to strong N wind. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland:** Sunny spells; the odd shower. Cold NW wind. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** Mainly dry, sunny spells. Cool with brisk N wind. Max 12C (54F)

☐ **Outlook:** Dry and cold tomorrow, mostly sunny; cloud and rain will arrive from west later. Milder on Wednesday with light rain.

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	X				
Anglesey	X				
Aspatria	3.5	-	12	54	s
Aviemore	4.5	0.06	9	48	sh
Belfast	0.6	0.01	11	52	fg
Birmingham	X				
Bognor R	1.1	0.37	17	63	r
Bournem'th	X				
Bristol	0.2	0.29	15	59	r
Buxton	-	0.14	10	50	r
Cardiff	0.4	0.54	16	61	r
Clacton	0.9	0.26	12	54	r
Cleethorpes	2.4	0.12	12	54	c
Colwyn Bay	0.1	0.09	12	54	r
Cromer	0.7	0.04	12	54	sh
Edinburgh	9.5	-	13	55	s
Exmouth	1.1	0.23	17	63	sh
Falmouth	3.8	0.41	18	64	s
Fishguard	0.1	0.52	15	59	r
Folkestone	1.1	0.21	13	55	r
Glasgow	8.9	0.01	13	55	s
Guernsey	0.2	0.17	17	63	sh
Hastings	1.1	0.41	14	57	r
Hayling I.	X	0.42	17	63	r
Herne Bay	0.1	0.22	14	57	r
Hove	0.1	0.36	17	63	r
Hunstanton	-	0.14	14	57	r
Isle-of-man	0.4	0.01	13	55	c
Isle-of-wight	1.2	0.41	17	63	r
Jersey	0.5	0.22	17	63	r
Kinloss	5.5	0.01	11	52	s
Leeds	0.6	0.02	12	54	c
Lerwick	2.2	0.07	8	46	sh
Leuchars	9.3	0.01	13	55	s
Littlehmptn	0.2	0.62	16	61	r
London	0.2	0.26	12	54	r
Lowestoft	-	0.07	12	54	r
Manchester	0.4	0.06	11	52	r
Margate	-	0.18	12	54	r
Morecambe	0.3	0.03	13	55	du
Newcastle	7.1	-	11	52	s
Norwich	0.6	0.09	12	54	r
Oxford	1.1	0.50	11	52	r
Penzance	X	0.56	19	66	sh
Poole	2.7	0.31	18	64	r
Prestatyn	X	0.13	13	55	r
Ross-o-wye	-	0.43	11	52	r
Saunton Snd	0.5	0.41	16	61	du
Scarboro'	9.2	-	11	52	s
Skegness	-	-	12	54	c
Southend	0.1	X	X	X	r
Southport	-	0.06	12	54	r
Stornoway	4.4	0.09	10	50	sh
Swanage	3.9	0.24	18	64	sh
Teignmouth	4.5	0.16	19	66	sh
Tenby	0.9	0.89	17	63	r
Torquay	4.0	0.11	20	68	b
Tynemouth	X	0.08	10	50	X
Weymouth	3.3	0.22	18	64	r

These are Saturday's figures

	C	F	
Ajaccio	26	79	f
Akrotiri	25	77	f
Alex'dria	26	79	s
Algiers	31	88	s
Amst'dm	14	57	f
Athens	24	75	s
B Aires	26	79	s
Bahrain	32	90	s
Bangkok	34	93	f
Barbados	25	77	r
Barcelona	26	79	s
Beirut	26	79	f
Belgrade	11	52	f
Berlin	14	57	r
Bermuda	24	75	f
Biarritz	23	73	c
Borde'x	20	68	d
Brussels	13	55	s
Budapest	18	64	f
Cairo	29	84	s
Cape Tn	18	64	f
Ch'church	16	61	X
Chicago	22	72	s
Cologne	14	57	c
Corfu	22	72	r
C'phagn	10	50	r
Dublin	10	50	r
Dubrovnik	21	70	c
Faro	30	86	s
Florence	25	77	c
Frankfurt	15	59	c
Funchal	23	73	c
Geneva	16	61	s
Gibraltar	27	81	s
Helsinki	5	41	d
Hong K	27	81	c
Innsbrck	16	61	s
Istanbul	25	77	s
Jeddah	37	99	s
Jo'burg	21	70	f
Karachi	X		
L Angels	19	66	s
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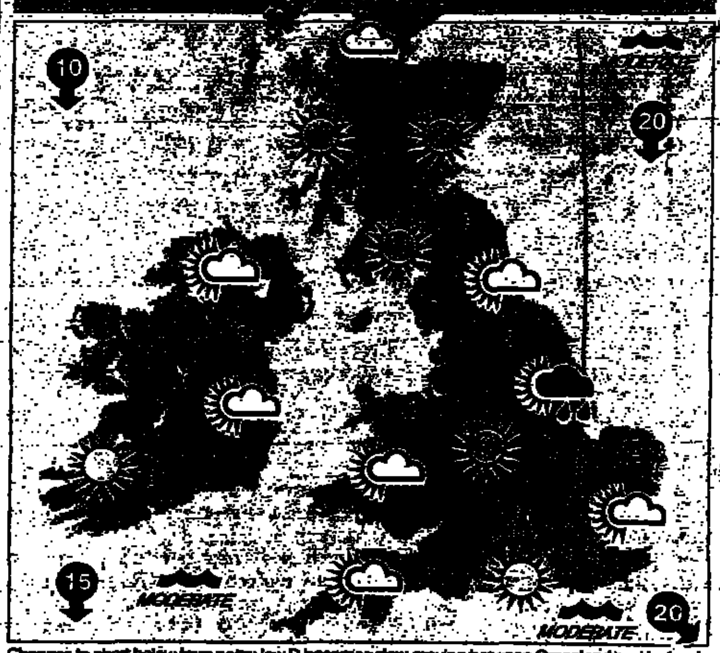

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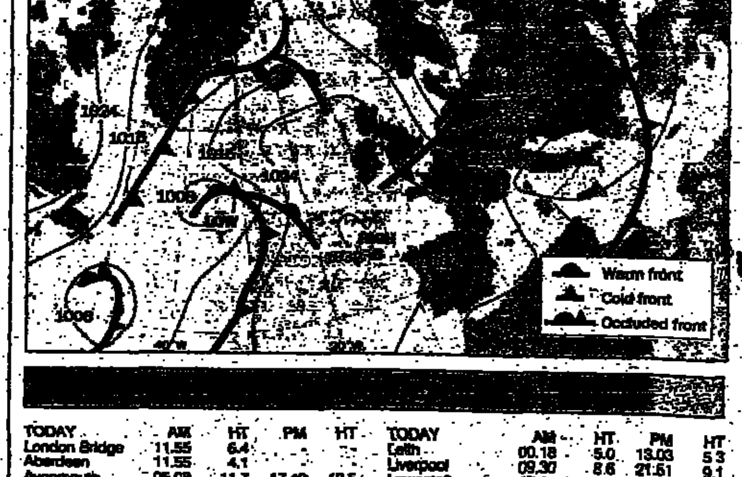

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ENGLAND COME HOME FROM ROME IN TRIUMPH

Looking for Mr Wright: Hoddle, the England coach, seeks out the Arsenal striker who personified the England effort in the goalless draw at the Olympic Stadium in Rome. Photographs: Marc Aspland

Hoddle halfway to heaven

land captain, who needed six stitches in a
scribed the win as the best of his career

For England there is no champagne. The job of winning the World Cup has just started, **Oliver Holt** says

TWO hours before the kick-off, the giant screens at either end of the Olympic Stadium here flickered into life. First, they showed a selection of great Italian goals. Luigi Riva got some of the highlights, Paolo Rossi was among them too, with a stooping header in his hat-trick against Brazil in the 1982 World Cup. Predictably, the footage of Gianfranco Zola's strike against England at Wembley in February got the biggest cheer.

Some time later, the England squad sauntered out on to the pitch to sample the atmosphere, their tracksuit tops tied around their waist, and high in the stands somebody slipped a new video into the machine. It was newsreel footage, black and white and a bit grainy, but the figures were clear enough.

The camera lingered on Bobby Moore as he limbered up before a game and then moved on to Bobby Charlton. Tony Adams, Ian Wright, David Beckham and the rest stopped to stare. For a couple of minutes, they watched images that they must have seen a thousand times before, the events of the 1966 World Cup Final, and then strode back to their changing room.

Later, after midnight, when the celebrations that followed England's automatic qualification for next summer's World Cup finals in France courtesy of a nerve-wracking 0-0 draw with Italy had calmed down a little, when Wright had staunched his tears of joy, when Gareth Southgate had managed to stop his fist pumping in delight, David Beckham had stifled his whoops of joy and six stitches had been inserted in the angry gash on the forehead of Paul Ince that had spattered his shirt with blood, Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, and his players remembered that footage.

They were delighted, of course, that they would not have to be subjected to today's agony of discovering which team they would have to face in the two-legged play-offs between group runners-up, which will be Italy's fate. A gentler examination, a friendly against Portugal in little over a month's time, and a flood of requests from other nations interested in similar fixtures, are theirs to look forward to instead.

They were jubilant, too, that, for the first time in eight years. England had qualified for the World Cup finals, the sport's biggest stage, the event that is bound to take the burgeoning levels of interest in the game in this country to hitherto unexplored heighhts, that will allow a whole generation of players like Adams, Ince and Wright to fulfil their ambition of appearing in the competition.

Yet, in its current incarnation, this is not a squad reared on ephemerality. Hoddle has built it to last, has tailored everything to qualifying for France and has always insisted his England side would get there. To achieve that ahead of Italy is cause for rejoicing, but on the flight back to Luton early yesterday, there was an absence of euphoria that made the atmosphere almost subdued. It was a determination to recognise that the goal had not yet been achieved. "If I had had any doubts about whether I could get us to the World Cup," Hoddle said, "I would not have taken the job. Terry Venables did a magnificent job before me. which put a lot more pressure on me when I took over. We are only halfway there. My standards are much higher than just qualifying for the World Cup. I want us to do well in it, too.

"It was a proud moment when the whistle went tonight and we went out and joined the players, but the hard work starts now. It starts here, because we are setting ourselves a standard and we have not reached it yet. You put the wedding suit on when you are in the tournament. We can look forward to that."

The feeling of optimism and togetherness that is coursing through the squad seems to be growing every day. Ince and Paul Gascoigne both alluded to the youth of many of the squad, players like the Neville brothers, Gary and Phil, Beckham, Sol Campbell and Robbie Fowler. Hoddle picked out Rio Ferdinand, the West Ham United defender, and Nigel Quashie, the Queens Park Rangers midfield player, who could put pressure on existing members of the squad in the run up to the finals. And there is still the prospect of Alan Shearer's return from injury.

Everything is positive now. Everything is moving forward with a feeling of gathering momentum. "There was no champagne after the match tonight or anything like that," Ince said. "After Euro 96, we felt we could go on and achieve something, but if we had not won tonight, we would have achieved nothing. It is a great feeling but the main task is still ahead."

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❛ This was a triumph for a team of spirit and skill over a team of less spirit and less skill. England were so dominant it felt like a victory. ❜

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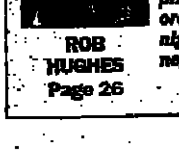
❛ Look glum and Italian, we told each other after the game, though even with all our years of accumulated national glumness, we hadn't the slightest idea where to start. ❜



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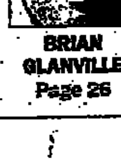

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Italy beaten at their own game

Imitation enables cunning Hoddle to achieve his goal

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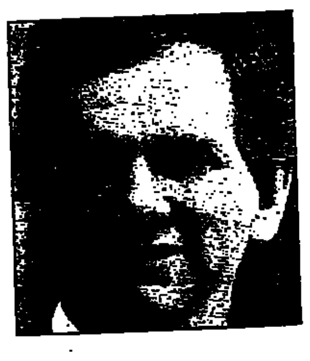


In Rome

AS Cesare Maldini, the ageing Italy coach, saw the television inquisitors coming for him in the Olympic Stadium late on Saturday night, he cast a glance at Glenn Hoddle. The young Englishman was in the throes of a dance of joy with the inevitable Gascoigne, with his coaching accomplices and with those who had helped him to plot revenge on the Italian way of achieving football triumphs.

England did to the Romans what they had done to them over so many years. The game was made sterile, the ball was possessed by calculated, clever but frustrating ground control. Tempers were kept in the face of provocation, the bodies kept moving through dehydrating oppression ... and while others lost their heads and their reputations, the police as well as some English fans, Hoddle's team was proving not only worthy of qualifying for the World Cup finals, but also deserving of the odds that now proclaim England, not Italy, to be among the favoured final four when the tournament begins in France next summer.

How remarkable. How very surprising that Hoddle, barely out of his playing boots, whose reputation was for playing the Beautiful Game more than any English contemporary, should take such pride in orchestrating a night of such negativity.

Unashamed, Hoddle was to take the plaudits from Maldini, who agreed that England had the strength of character and personality beyond his own team. "We nullified the Italian strength," Hoddle said, "and we went on to nullify the game. Everyone should be very proud. We have qualified for the first time in eight years and our major concern in the team talks was of temperament, of keeping our heads. We did that magnificently."

'In modern team sport a team does not have to be virtuous to be valiant'

Indeed, a team in modern sport does not have to be virtuous to be valiant. While England were casting off their cloak of long-ball football, another team was doing something similar in the heat of Athens. Denmark, close to England in the athleticism of their football, needed a 0-0 draw and achieved it in front of 70,000 seething Greeks, who at one point responded by firing so many flares towards the field that the referee had to suspend play for five minutes and take the teams to the relative safety of the centre circle. Disorder, violence and rabid nationalism are not, as some portray it, England's disease.

Neither is the art of manipulating the flow of a game any longer a Latin preserve, or an English failing. In the final seconds before half-time, six Englishmen — Beckham, Gascoigne, Le Saux, Sheringham, Ince and Campbell — had drawn the sting out of Italy. They had laced together 14 passes and only once did a player need more than a single touch. Then it was Le Saux, dancing out of the lunging reach of Di Livio, who was later to become so incensed that he was rightly sent off for two ugly fouls.

This quintessential English move ended with an exchange of passes between Sheringham and Beckham that almost gave Beckham the only goal of the night. It had been pass-and-move out of the very traditions of Tottenham Hotspur, where Hoddle, his assistant, John Gorman, and indeed his goalkeeping coach, Ray Clemence, all honed their craft. Thanks to White Hart Lane, thanks to Bill Nicholson, the old mentor, and thanks be that Lancaster Gate's lumbering doctrine of long-ball football is now history.

Hoddle rightly cautions that his work has only just begun, that if England are to aim for the achievements of Germany or Brazil, their training-ground efforts have to be redoubled, but he has identified the men he needs for the job. His captain, Ince, gave blood, his defensive pillar, Adams, never gave an inch, and Gascoigne, in whom Terry Venables and now Hoddle have bestowed outstanding faith, managed — just — to curb his daft recklessness and to control the rhythm of the vital first half-hour with the passes and cushioning of a football in the manner for which he is almost uniquely suited.

If at times this accomplishment ran averse to the noble aims of the game, there is, in the offices of administration, an understanding. "There is so much pressure on coaches that they think about the result and nothing else," Frits Ahlstrom, the Dane who speaks for Uefa, the European governing body, said. "We will not change this, whatever we try to do through the rules. My country, Denmark, qualified on Saturday as yours did and I'm thrilled."

Italy did not. They had given to the world decades of barrenness, sometimes lacing the spite with artistic beauty, but emphasising always that if the opponents fail to score, they cannot win. Yet England, perversely, did precisely that. Hoddle's team played Italy home and away, scored not a single goal, squeezed the will and the effectiveness out of the Italians and gained the one necessary, competitive point. How so? England's real triumph had been laid in Poland and Georgia, where they dared to win and Italy, timidly, drew.

Hoddle admitted that he had indulged in gamesmanship. He had exaggerated Beckham's cold and his players, particularly Gascoigne and Wright, had "drawn fouls" from the Italians. Conquering, in a fashion, the cunning by which Italy built World Cup power, Hoddle's ultimate achievement has been to impregnate England's dressing-room with the spirit of togetherness that enabled the British Isles to prevail against the odds in South Africa and enabled Europe to beat the United States in the Ryder Cup. To use his catchphrase, it is about "inner belief".

Gascoigne channels his aggression into dispossessing Baggio, of Italy, during England's draw in Rome. Photograph: Massimo Sambucetti

No tears as Gascoigne has last laugh

Oliver Holt looks back on a night of redemption for England's midfield player, who won his own personal battle in Rome

Those who have been trying to help him have said that a change has come over Paul Gascoigne in the past few months, that, at last, he has started to see the light. As Saturday night turned into Sunday morning in a small room off the labyrinth of corridors under the Olympic Stadium in Rome, it was apparent that something was, indeed, different. This was post-match, this was Italy and Gazza was before us with dry eyes and his head held high.

It had been a vale of tears for him, this country where his talent had first burst on to the world stage, a place where, one after the other, his fragile dreams had withered and died, where his career had seemed to slip into a debilitating sort of decadence that all lamented but most thought was the beginning of his decline and fall.

He had wept in the Stadio Delle Alpi, in Turin, when England lost their World Cup semi-final to Germany in 1990. Later, when he moved to Rome to play his club football for Lazio, he endured his most tortured years, existing like a gladiator who is a slave to others. It was there that his drinking and his eating had spiralled out of control and a slough of injuries had condemned him to three years of frustration in Serie A.

On Saturday night, though, in the same stadium where he had toiled for Lazio, in front of the fans who still love him for the occasional flashes of brilliance that he once gave them, Gascoigne got his own back on Italy in the goalless draw that took England to the World Cup finals in France next year. He produced one of the most controlled performances of his career and played with a sustained quality and maturity, illuminated by flashes of technical brilliance.

He made a fool of Albertini and embarrassed him constantly with his elusiveness and speed of thought. In the first half, Gascoigne and David Beckham were at the heart of everything that England created.

As he sat in that small room after the match, it almost seemed as though his tormented soul had found a measure of peace in revenge and that he had finally laid his ghosts to rest. "The last time I left here after a World Cup match, I was in tears," he said. "This time, there is a smile on my face. When I left Lazio, their president said 'The next time you come to Italy will be for a holiday' and he was right. I've enjoyed my holiday tonight.

"I will kill Glenn Hoddle if he doesn't pick me for the World Cup squad, but in some ways I don't mind. I played in the World Cup in 1990 and I really enjoyed my time. I'd like to think I have done the job I had to do in the qualifying matches, but next year is another year.

"Who knows, I might get injured. Touch wood, I won't, but if Glenn thinks other players are better than me, then I will wish them good luck, because it is a great tournament. What is important for me is that I leave Italy this time on a good note and next time I come here, I will be able to walk around with my chest stuck out.

"We just played the Italians at their own game tonight. They are very good at diving, cheating, trying to waste time and we knew that if they got a goal, they would do that. So I did a bit of it myself. I kicked the ball away a few times to let them chase it. It was great, honestly it was great, to see them running after the ball for a change. They were desperate and it was a really nice feeling to see that. Even when their fans started throwing bottles and coins on to the pitch, that helped us, too, because it just wasted even more time."

Gascoigne spoke with a rare reflection and a maturity of purpose that he had never shown before. For the first time, he expressed a desire to help those around him as the World Cup approaches. Until now, he has been forced to concentrate on getting help himself.

"I stayed controlled during the game tonight," he said. "You have got to understand we have a lot of young players on the bench coming through challenging for places. When I was their age, I had people like Terry Butcher, Bryan Robson, John Barnes, Chris Waddle and Peter Beardsley and they pulled me through and I learned from them.

"I hope that in the past year or year and a half, that these young kids have learned from me and that I can give them a little bit, not off the pitch, just on it. We have got the young kids coming through and I want to set an example to them on the pitch. I might misbehave now and again — maybe that is in Paul Gascoigne — but if I can show them what I am capable of on the pitch, that might help them.

"God knows what these young players will be like in four or five years time when the next World Cup comes around, but let's make them proud of being Englishmen again. My only other concern between now and next summer is to keep the little sods off my back and to try to stop them taking my place."

Before he left, Gascoigne paid tribute to the contribution of Ian Wright. In one way, though, he was keen to distance himself from his friend. "He shed a few tears tonight," Gascoigne said, "but there was no way I was going to join him."

Zola critical of foreign role

Brian Glanville elicits the post-match views of the Italy coach and players

Cesare Maldini: "We were up against a great team"

PUTTING on a brave face amid the latest Roman ruins, Italy's besieged coach, Cesare Maldini, said: "We suffered a lot, because we found ourselves up against a great team, but I have nothing to say to my players. They fought really well, even if we encountered some difficulties in the first half, especially in midfield, where we could have done better.

"We created few scoring chances because they shut down the spaces very well, but England were not dangerous either. However, I repeat, I don't have to reproach anyone for anything. They were all really good.

"I tried to make all the changes possible. Unfortunately, my son, Paolo, was injured, but the team continued to attack. We couldn't do more than that. I started with Inzaghi to keep the team on the attack and give more support to Vieri. That was not enough, either. We are talking about difficult games, which can be won on certain incidents. Unfortunately for us, it did not go well.

"We did everything possible, not only this time but in the preceding games. We won at Wembley, the English drew with us here. The truth is that, in six games, we got three wins and three draws, yet we have not qualified and this is an injustice that leaves a bad taste in the mouth.

"In midfield, we suffered because we missed Di Matteo, who was suspended. Unfortunately, I have to repeat that in this area we have many difficulties, because in Italy there are so many foreigners in the most important teams playing those roles. And in a year, or a year and a half, the problems will be still greater."

Paolo Maldini said: "Now, we are psychologically destroyed. And I am also physically destroyed. I badly twisted my ankle. It's giving me tremendous pain and I hope it won't cause me to miss too many matches.

"Unfortunately, we failed in our first mission. Fortunately, we still have a lifebelt. Unluckily, we paid for our psychological uneasiness, which became more obvious as the minutes passed. Our state of mind was completely different from theirs — and this had considerable weight."

Gianfranco Zola was a disappointing and disappointed figure. "I don't make magic," he said. "I work and always try to do well. I succeed when we are all good. At the Olympic Stadium, I and all the rest were less good. I would have given my finger to win this game. I played as Maldini wanted. We spoke and I told him going back into midfield I'd have difficulty — and so it was. In that position, I do less. At the start, I tried to stay up to put them in trouble, but we suffered in midfield and I had to drop back. My performance was limited by this. There are no excuses, it is just the truth.

"The English did well to run the game. We lacked a man in midfield, so that I had to drop back to help Albertini and Dino Baggio. In effect, I found myself running after Batty like a madman. In such conditions, I burnt up precious energy. Let us tell the truth, I was neither fish nor fowl. I say honestly, to play such a role it would have been better to have had another player than Zola."

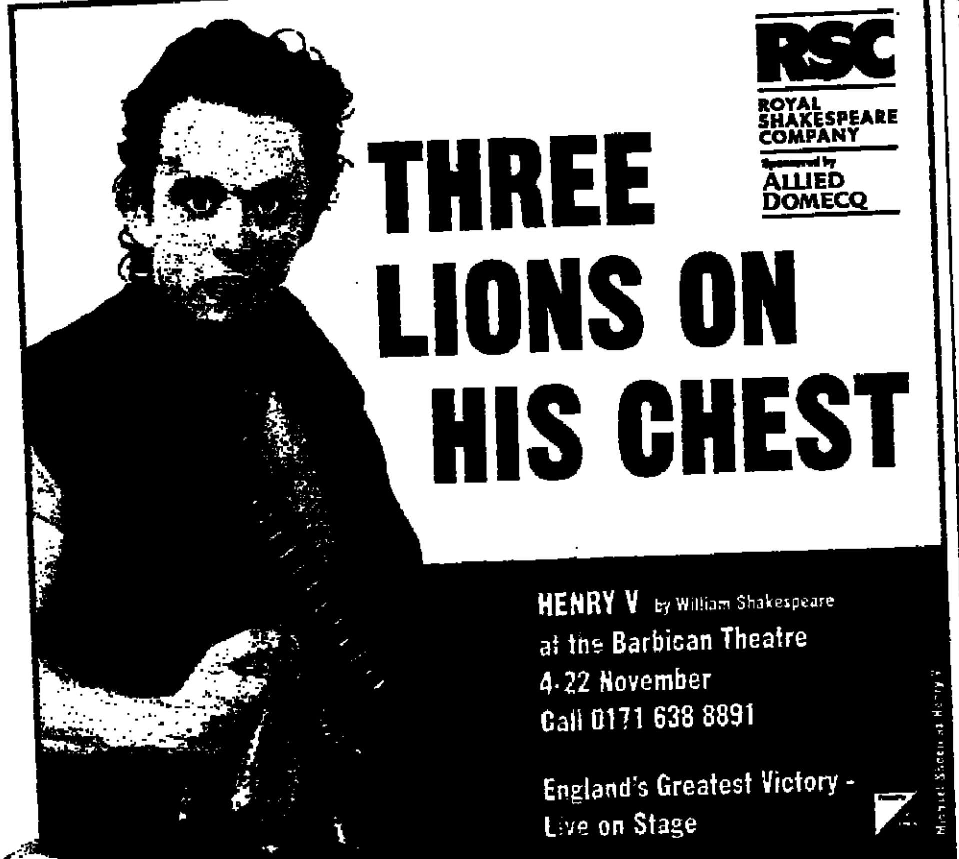
Alessandro Del Piero said: "A draw was good for them and they played accordingly. So much possession, but it seemed they only had a couple of shots. When you think how things went and that we took four out of six points from this team, the bitterness becomes almost intolerable."

And the penalty he did not get after Adams's tackle? "It was a gigantic fake. Did you see? I got up at once and apologised to the referee."

Alessandro Costacurta, the sweeper, said: "The referee certainly did not like us. But the draw with England, one of the strongest teams in the world, could suit us. We go on to the play-offs. I wouldn't bet on our not qualifying."

For his part, Filippo Inzaghi, unexpectedly used from the start as a striker, said: "I was exhausted. In those 45 minutes, I gave everything. We didn't manage to catch them up. We were too stretched out and, in those conditions, it is difficult to get through a packed defence. I have to smile, bitterly, thinking of the forecasts before the game, which imagined we would see an England who would come to Olympico to play us on level terms.

"Quite the reverse. They closed up in midfield, packed their defence and waited for us — perfectly logical from their point of view. They turned it into a battle and luckily I didn't get an elbow from Campbell. They held out in our first half-hour and, as the minutes passed, they grew more confident. Now two finals await us."



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Italian press excoriate 'timorous' Maldini

By Brian Glanville

REACTION

"A HARD lesson" was the front-page headline in *La Stampa*, the Turin daily, after the hard night that Italy endured in Rome against England on Saturday. And a very hard press they got the next day.

Roberto Beccantini, in *La Stampa*, proclaimed: "An English lesson. There are ways and ways of surrendering to the enemy, above all when you play in a den like the Olympico, with the memories of magic nights still alive.

"Cesare Maldini's Italy chose the most timorous way, giving England the draw that the Masters fully deserved ... For Glenn Hoddle's team, then, the World Cup has been a brilliantly-accomplished mission." Inside was the headline "A collective shipwreck" and the sub-heading "Cesare Maldini alternates five strikers, but no one shoots".

The headline in *Corriere Dello Sport*, the Roman sports daily, was perhaps the most damning of all. It read simply "Povera Italia". Poor Italy. In *Gazzetta Dello Sport*, the Milan sports daily, the headline over the editorial by Candido Cannavo, read "Courage drowned in a sea of Impotence". "Thank heaven," Cannavo wrote, "that there are parachutes. Let's open them and not make the slightest mistake in our manoeuvres. Italy, football superpower, clings to a double play-off so as not to be out of the first World Cup of 32 teams. Do you hear the silence that comes from the Olympico? It is louder, more intense and painful than the choruses of the English."

"From the final scene, there emerges in a sinister way the sense of our impotence. Disappointed, very disappointed. The only adjective the national team can turn to is the most pathetic one: spirited, above all when they were down to ten. Dignity: the vital minimum.

"On the emotional level, the best of this game that had no great entertaining qualities came in injury time with a double dose of folly. Wright hitting the post of an open goal. Vieri missing a tremendous chance.

"With all respect to the quote 'conscience at peace' that Maldini talked about, it's impossible to disguise a failure: there was no real play and consequently, no real ability to attack."

Inside the paper, Lodovico Maradei, its chief football correspondent, was no less stringent. "Dominated in midfield and impotent in attack, the *Azzurri* scarcely shot at goal. One real chance in injury time is too meagre to deserve qualification.

"A failure all along the line. The English came to Rome for a decisive point and they got it with extreme aplomb. When we were down to ten men, they could have won, but contented themselves with controlling the game against an opponent that managed to explore nothing but its own impotence."

Predictably, there was abundant coverage of the violent excesses of English fans. The *Corriere Della Sera* wrote: "The hooligans spread terror even in the centre of Rome. Bars destroyed, passers-by attacked. A heavy final reckoning. Thirty injured, the most seriously a policeman with cranial trauma. Forty arrests, 100 detained."

Tuttosport, the Turin daily, had the headline "A Long Day of Madness, signed by the hooligans". It went on: "This had been an open city for 3,000 years, so Rome didn't even resist the semi-hooligan invasion of the English fans.

"Three Englishmen who hit the policeman with a seat were arrested. In the area where clashes took place, there were members of the National Front ... It was organisation at the stadium that failed. One group, some of them drunk, with tickets for the terraces, finished in the directors' box. Three hundred fans with tickets didn't get in."

Significantly, a headline in the paper read "Zola a ghost, Ince heroic". *Corriere Dello Sport* lamented: "We enter World Cup purgatory without believing it. Only eight months have passed since Zola took us past the fear of Wembley ... We got out, moreover, without ever really having risked trying to win, against a real team, much better-organised than ours, which finished by coming closer to a goal than ever Italy did in the 90 minutes."

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Indomitable Ince leads by example as draw secures place in World Cup finals

England's superior skill holds sway

From Oliver Holt
Football Correspondent
in Rome

SWATHED in bloodied cream bandages, a giant grin creasing his face, the sight of Paul Ince rallying his men in the cauldron of the Olympic Stadium will be the enduring image of England's sack of Rome. Ince described himself after the game as "a black Terry Butcher". Paul Gascoigne likened his appearance to a pint of Guinness. To the supporters, he was the hero of a team of heroes.

Inevitably, it was Ince's performance that took the eye. The sight of one of the walking wounded hurling himself into tackles, leaping for headers that tore asunder the stitches in the gash in his forehead and forced him back off the pitch for more emergency repairs drew gasps, winces and shouts of admiration from the visiting sections of the crowd.

Those who see these images of Ince will draw familiar conclusions. They will smile and talk about England's bulldog spirit. They will assume perhaps that England's draw, their victory in the race for automatic qualification for the World Cup finals in France next summer, was another triumph for bravery and brute force over guile and technical accomplishment. This England performance, though, was an altered image.

Even beyond the melodrama of the bandages, Ince had an outstanding game in the fulcrum of the England midfield, but the goalless draw with Italy on Saturday night, the first time that the home team had failed to achieve a win in a World Cup match in the Eternal City, was much, much more than the stereotype of a triumph for spirit over skill.

Unpalatable though it may be for the dogged minority who persist, through some misguided romanticism, in exaggerating the merits of Italian football, this was a triumph for a team of spirit and skill over a team of less spirit and less skill. The honours may have remained even, but England were so dominant that it felt like a victory.

Tony Adams, the man Hoddle had made "captain of the back three", was utterly impenetrable. Alongside him, Gareth Southgate was steadfast and sure. After a shaky first half, Sol Campbell grew in stature, too, and together they nullified the threat of the Italy attack so comprehensively that Filippo Inzaghi was substituted at half-time and Gianfranco Zola was taken off with half an hour still to play.

In midfield, David Batty was once more the model of aggressive economy. Ince was the tackling, surging dynamo who never shirked a tackle, never allowed an opponent time or space, and Gascoigne played with such guile and control that he made his immediate opposites, Albertini and Baggio, look clumsy and limited in comparison.

More than all these individual contributions, though, it was the comportment and style of the team that carried them through. England played smart. They played Italy at their own game. They knew the pressure was on their hosts so they cranked it up. They fell extravagantly when they were challenged, they stayed down if they felt like it, they nudged the ball away now and again at free kicks to waste a bit of time and add a little to the ire of the Italians.

The players with the fiery temperaments — Le Saux, Beckham, Gascoigne and Ince — stayed calm even when the Italians tried to provoke them. In the end, as the crowd in the huge, elegant oval of a stadium began to grow restive, it was the home side that lost its discipline and when Di Livio was sent off in the 76th minute for a wild, scything tackle on Campbell, the odds on an Italian winner lengthened.

In the face of England's resolution at the back and the collective determination of the midfield not to give the ball away cheaply, the Italians were disappointingly barren of ideas and movement. Even the basics, such as the delivery of free kicks from dangerous areas by icons of the game including Del Piero and Zola, were carried out with startling ineptitude. Perhaps the pressure was just too crushing.

Whatever the reason, Italy could not worry England even when Ince was off the pitch for seven minutes early in the first half, having his cut stitched after he had been caught by Albertini's flying elbow. "The changing-rooms were locked when we got down there to have the cut seen to," Ince said, "and no one had a key. We were going mad and I was shouting at the geezers in Italian. In the end, we had to get the key from the kit man, but it was about five minutes before we could get in."

Despite that absence, it was England who fashioned the only clear-cut chances of the first half. The first, which came while Paolo Maldini, the Italy captain, was trying in vain to run off a self-inflicted injury sustained in a rash tackle on Ince, was created by a flighted ball from Beckham that Sheringham nodded into the path of the England captain. Ince ran on to the ball about 12 yards out, but his fierce volley was too close to Peruzzi and the goalkeeper beat it away with his palms.

England had a lucky escape when Albertini's free kick cannoned off Le Saux and spun wide. Then, in first-half injury time, Beckham played a one-two with Sheringham, ran into space and curled a right-foot shot just wide of Peruzzi's right-hand post when he should at least have got it on target.

England indulged in their time-wasting tactics as soon as the second half began and, as Italy's irritation grew, so did their ineffectiveness. Seaman reacted well to beat out a cross-shot from Chiesa after 60 minutes and Del Piero caused an alarm when he fell theatrically over Adams's foot in the penalty area. He was booked for diving.

England nearly got the win they deserved deep in injury time, when Wright rounded Peruzzi but hit his shot against a post from an acute angle. Seconds later, Italy nearly got the win they did not deserve when Vieri rose majestically at the back post to meet Del Piero's cross, but directed his header inches wide of the upright.

In Rotterdam, the last time they needed the favour of fortune to qualify for the World Cup, England were denied it. But this was not Rotterdam or anywhere; this was Rome. England deserved their luck. They rode it all the way to France.

ENGLAND (3-5-2): D Seaman (Arsenal) — S Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur), A Adams (Arsenal), G Southgate (Aston Villa) — D Beckham (Manchester United), P Gascoigne (Rangers; sub: N Butt, Manchester United, 87min), D Batty (Newcastle United), P Ince (Liverpool), G Le Saux (Chelsea) — E Sheringham (Manchester United), I Wright (Arsenal).

ITALY (3-4-1-2): A Peruzzi (Juventus) — A Nesta (Lazio), A Costacurta (AC Milan), F Cannavaro (AC Parma) — A di Livio (Juventus), D Albertini (AC Milan), D Baggio (Parma), P Maldini (AC Milan, sub: A Benarrivo, Parma, 31) — G Zola (Chelsea; sub: A Del Piero, Juventus, 63) — C Vieri (Atletico Madrid), F Inzaghi (Juventus; sub: E Chiesa, Parma, 46).

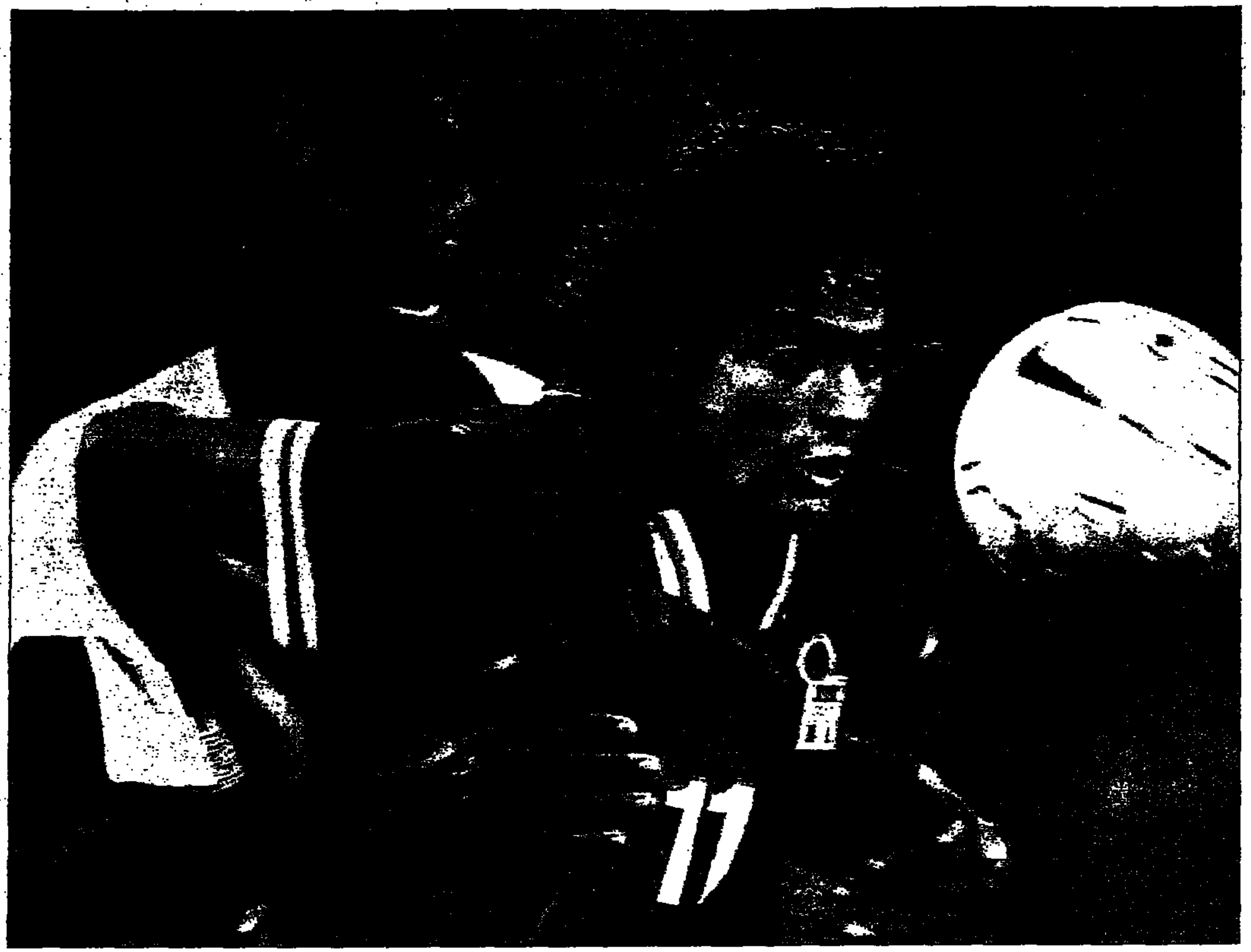
Referee: M van der Ende (Holland)

ITALY 0 **ENGLAND** 0

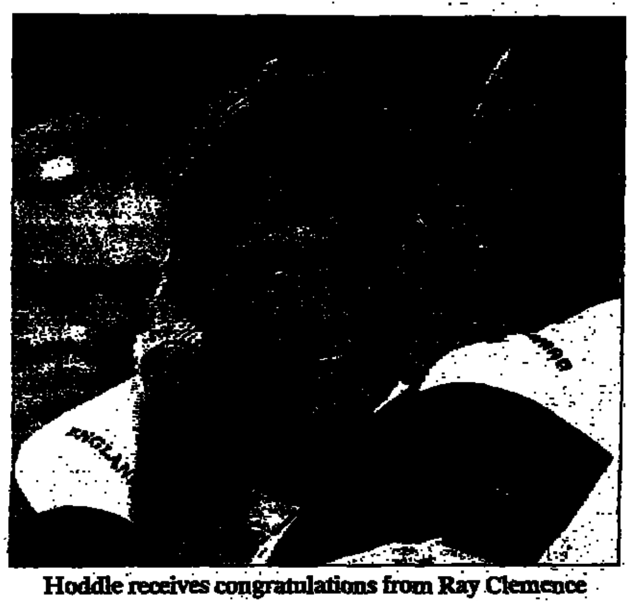
Attendance: 81,200

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	8	6	1	1	15	2	19
Italy	8	5	3	0	11	1	18
Poland	8	3	1	4	10	12	10
Georgia	8	3	1	4	7	9	10
Moldova	8	0	0	8	2	21	0

RESULTS: Moldova 0 England 3; Moldova 1 Italy 3; England 2 Poland 1; Italy 1 Georgia 0; Georgia 0 England 2; Poland 2 Moldova 1; England 0 Italy 1; Italy 3 Moldova 0; Poland 0 Italy 0; Italy 3 Poland 0; England 2 Georgia 0; Poland 0 England 2; Georgia 2 Moldova 0; Poland 4 Georgia 1; Georgia 0 Italy 0; England 4 Moldova 0; Moldova 0 Georgia 1; Moldova 0 Poland 3; Italy 0 England 0; Georgia 3 Poland 0.



Inzaghi cannot escape the attentions of Campbell as England's defence stands firm in the Olympic Stadium. Photograph: Ben Radford / Allsport



Hoddle receives congratulations from Ray Clemence

Ireland wary of the eastern promise in play-off draw

By Russell Kempson

WELCOME to the Last Chance Saloon. When Ireland go into the hat for the draw for the World Cup play-offs in Zurich this afternoon, they face the likelihood of a trip to the east as their reward for finishing among the runners-up of the nine European qualifying groups.

Along with Ireland, Italy and Belgium from the west, Croatia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Russia and Ukraine have had to settle for second best en route to a possible place in the finals in France next year. Only the bravest, or most fortunate, will survive.

Hungary, understandably, will be perceived as the weakest of the eight teams vying for the remaining four qualifying places from Europe. They were effectively out of the competition when, two minutes from the end of time added on for stoppages in Helsinki on Saturday, they trailed 1-0 against Finland. Only a bizarre own goal gave Hungary a 1-1 draw and a second bite of the lucrative cherry. On such strokes of luck are great deeds born.

After the 1-1 draw with Romania in Dublin, Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, declined to select his favoured opposition in the play-offs. "I won't tell you who I'd like to play," he said. "I don't want them to pin my comments on the dressing-room wall and say: 'Look, they reckon they can beat us.'"

McCarthy conceded, though, that a draw against Italy, who finished second-best to England, might be to Ireland's advantage. "I'm not sure if they would be too pleased to play against another British type of team," he said. "We're all going to be under pressure, but looking at what has happened to Italy, they'll probably be under more pressure than the rest of us."

Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach, is indeed already showing signs of stress, griping about the qualifying system that has forced his side into an undignified scramble to secure their ticket to France. "The system is open to criticism because a European country, undoubtedly a strong one, will be excluded to make way, for example, for Jamaica," he said. "Of the sides we might play in the play-offs, some are very good and some less so. But we shouldn't worry, we should think of only our own game. I don't think Italy will fail to qualify for the finals."

Maldini might have every reason to be confident should Italy be paired with Ireland, Hungary or perhaps even Belgium, who beat Wales 3-2 in Brussels on Saturday night. He might not feel so optimistic, however, should the Azzurri have to travel east. Croatia earned a reprieve by beating Slovenia 3-1, overtaking Greece to take second place in group one, and the European championship quarter-finalists should not be underestimated.

Ukraine's 2-0 success in Armenia saw off Portugal in group nine and few will relish a journey to Kiev, which many travellers view, uncharitably, as the land that time forgot. Russia and Yugoslavia also have their economic difficulties and will pose awkward tests over the two legs, which are to be played on October 29 and November 15.

If Ireland are drawn at home in the second leg of their play-off, they will delay the match for 24 hours. They cannot play on November 15 as Lansdowne Road is being used for the rugby union international between Ireland and New Zealand.

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ENGLAND'S PATH TO THE FINALS

Moldova 0 **England** 3
Barmby
Gascoigne
Shearer
September 1 1996, Kishinev
Hoddle's campaign starts in style as goals from Barmby, Gascoigne and Shearer ensure that England avoid slipping on unfamiliar territory.

England 2 **Poland** 1
Citko / Shearer 2
October 9 1996, Wembley
An early goal from Marek Citko and an upset looms, but Shearer comes to the rescue with a fine double strike.

Georgia 0 **England** 2
Sheringham
Ferdinand
November 9 1996, Tbilisi
England find their form to produce their best performance so far under their new coach. First-half goals from Sheringham and Ferdinand are enough.

England 0 **Italy** 1
Zola
February 12 1997, Wembley
Gianfranco Zola inflicts England's first setback, squeezing the ball home at the near post.

England 2 **Georgia** 0
Sheringham
Shearer
April 30 1997, Wembley
England's strike force of Shearer and Sheringham do their duty with a brace of goals.

Poland 0 **England** 2
Shearer
Sheringham
May 31 1997, Chorzow
A team performance again sees the front pair of Shearer and Sheringham do their duty.

England 4 **Moldova** 0
Scholes, Wright 2
Gascoigne
September 10 1997, Wembley
England record their biggest winning margin in the group games and Italy are held to a goalless draw in Georgia.

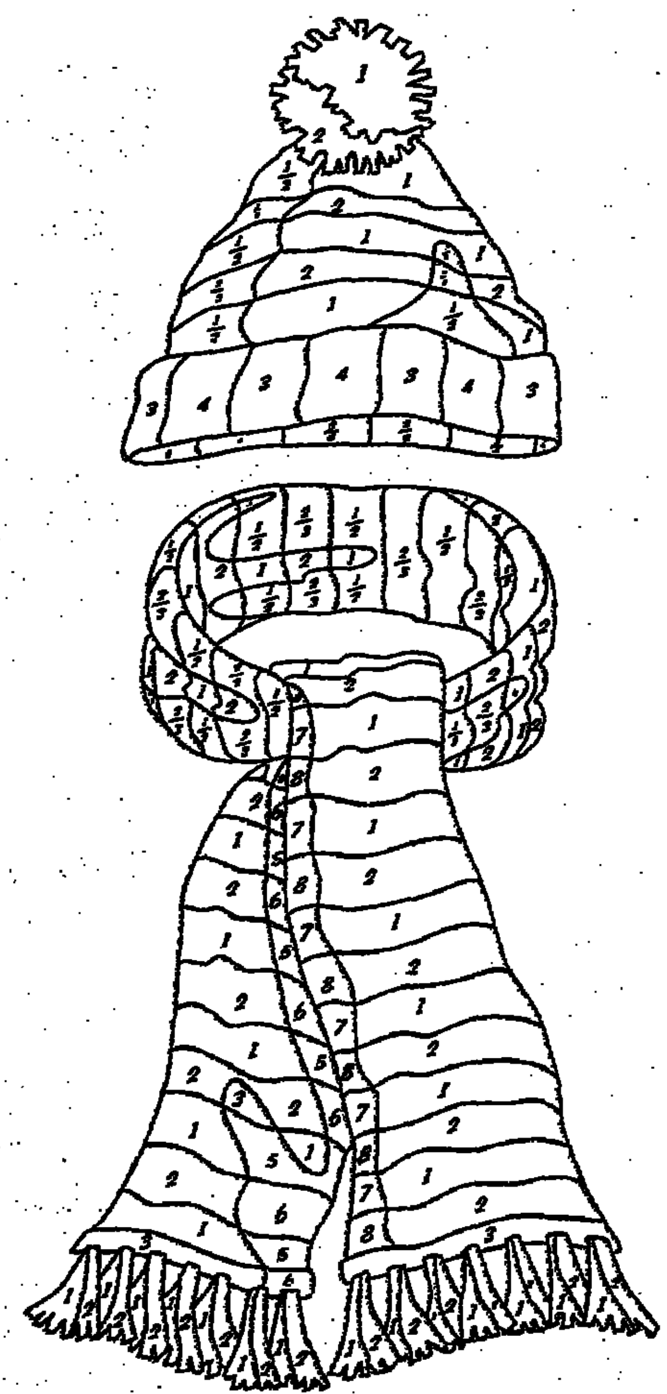
Italy 0 **England** 0
October 11 1997, Rome
Glenn Hoddle's gladiators achieve the result that they went on a highly-charged evening in the Olympic Stadium.

FRANCE 98: WHO'S THERE, WHO'S NOT

Thirty-two teams will contest the World Cup Finals, from June 10 to July 12 1998

QUALIFIERS		MAYBES	NOTABLE ABSENTEES
		Eight group runners-up will play off for four places.	Among those teams who will certainly miss the finals:
BRAZIL (holders)	GERMANY	ITALY	SWEDEN
FRANCE (hosts)	SCOTLAND	BELGIUM	PORTUGAL
DENMARK	ARGENTINA	RUSSIA	WALES
ENGLAND	COLOMBIA	CROATIA	NORTHERN IRELAND
NORWAY	PARAGUAY	YUGOSLAVIA	TURKEY
AUSTRIA	CAMEROON	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	POLAND
BULGARIA	MOROCCO	UKRAINE	CZECH REPUBLIC
SPAIN	NIGERIA	HUNGARY	SWITZERLAND
HOLLAND	SOUTH AFRICA		GREECE
ROMANIA	TUNISIA		

The play-off draw will be made today. Three more teams will come from Asia. Three will come from the Americas. One will come from South America. The final place will be decided by a play-off between Australia and a fourth Asian nation



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Kevin McCarra on the unequivocal backing that smoothed Scotland's safe passage to France

Rapport in a storm aids Brown's cause

SCOTLAND 2 LATVIA 0

Gallacher 43
Durie 80

Attendance: 47,613

SUPPORTERS of Scottish football often suspect that hands are intended to be wrung in agitation rather than joined in applause. The nature of their national team's qualification for the 1998 World Cup finals was therefore fitting, if agonising. A reservoir of alcohol was drained on Saturday night, but it will not have been sufficient to sluice away the memories of a fretful 2-0 victory over Latvia at Celtic Park.

Only in retrospect, when the video of the tie can be watched dispassionately, is it obvious that the visitors posed very little threat. At the match itself, anxiety arose from the discrepancy between the outlook of the audience and the attitude of the side that they hoped to acclaim.

A big crowd carries immense expectations. There were 47,613 excited people in the stands and if saltires were not waved aloft or printed on T-shirts, they were painted on faces. Nationalist fervour, although entirely good-humoured, was rampant and few were prepared to witness Scotland being circumspect. Nonetheless, the determination of the players to be cautious was a virtue rather than a character flaw.

Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, had anticipated that Latvia would display a husky obstinacy. His own team was asked to be prudent, with Paul Lambert even detailed to mark Vladimirs Babicevs in midfield, and to ensure that the opposition did not score. It was rightly assumed that Scotland would devise a goal of their own sooner or later.

The squad is schooled in such disciplines, but restraint is more difficult for a supporter to muster. First there was the wait for Scotland to find the net, which ended in the 43rd minute, when Kevin Gallacher headed home after Olegs Karavajevs, the Latvia goalkeeper, failed to hold a firm drive from John Collins. Then there was a long period of torment as the mind played tricks and it became easy to imagine a fluke equaliser that would rob Scotland of the victory they needed. Release from the mental labyrinth came only in the eightieth minute, when Gallacher's exquisite chip dropped from the crossbar, allowing Durie to head a second goal.

Gradually, however, a nation is finding it in its heart to love this methodical team. Scotland will take their place at the World Cup finals for the fifth time since 1974, a record that is bettered only by the leading nations who occasionally spare themselves the drudgery of qualification by entering the tournament as hosts or holders.

Brown's side travels to France only as the best runners-up from the nine European groups, but inferiority will not be acknowledged since Austria, who finished above them, could only draw with Scotland in Vienna and lose in Glasgow. As status is maintained, it becomes easier to develop affection for the discipline and strategy that Scotland possess in abundance.

All five of the qualifying matches at home have been sell-outs and if the demented patriotism of 1978, which persuaded much of the population that the World Cup was about to be won, has evaporated, the bond between a country and its team has still been renewed. Once the game against Latvia was over, fans could concede that Brown's approach had yet again been vindicated.

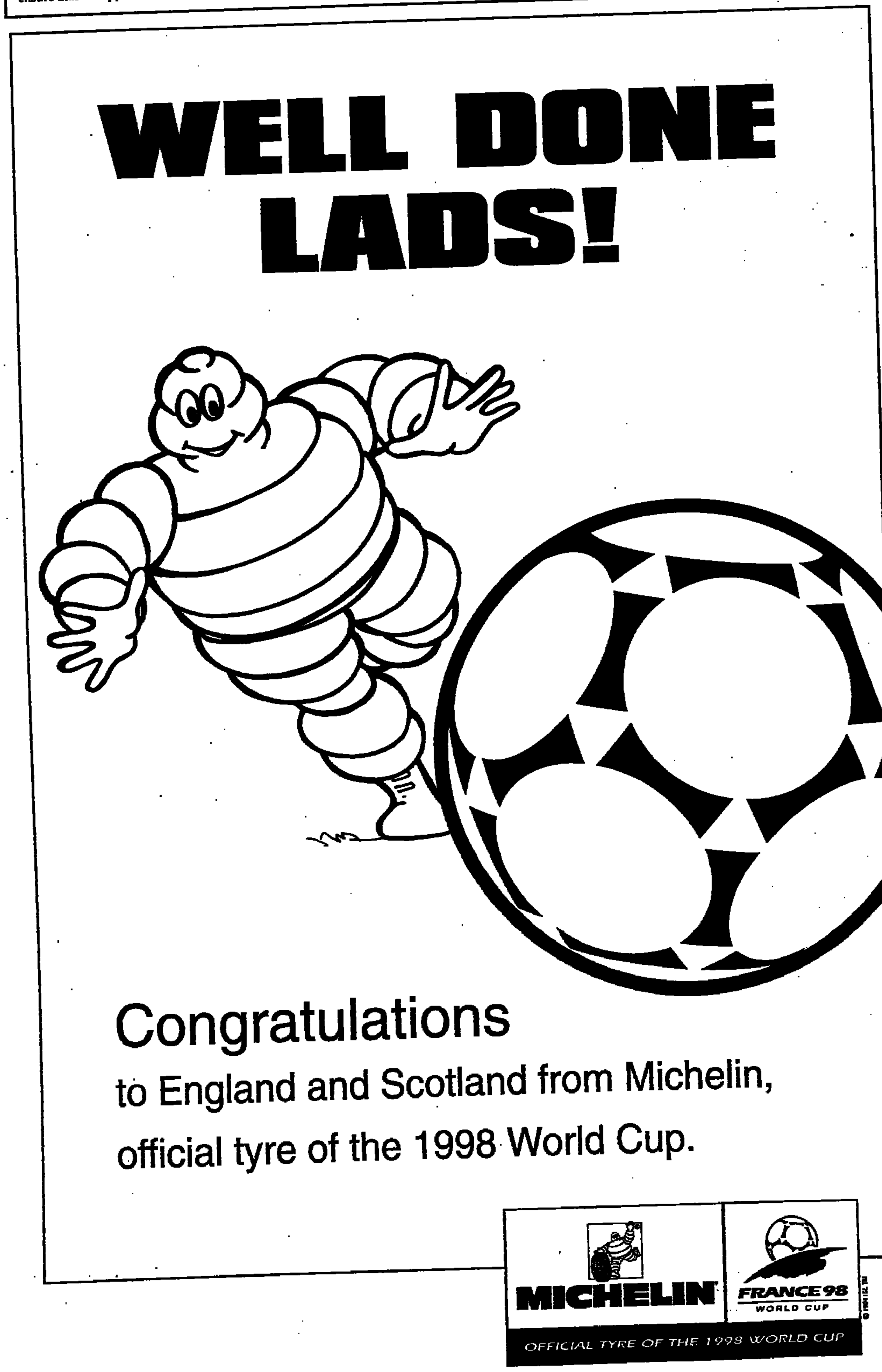
Since the qualifying matches for Euro 96 began, his Scotland team have lost only three matches in the most important tournaments — to Greece, in Athens; to England, at Wembley; and to Sweden, in Gothenburg. As a tactician and a judge of footballers, Brown has brought extraordinary discrimination to his job. He has also found men whose talents continue to be undervalued.

Gallacher, for example, has now scored six times in Scotland's past five fixtures, a sequence that even Ronaldo might covet. The Blackburn Rovers forward has, nonetheless, been able to prosper only because Brown persevered with him. Before this burst of effectiveness, another manager might have become disenchanted with a player who had produced only two goals in 28 appearances.

The Scotland attackers, however, are fortunate, finding the strain upon them relieved by a defence — with Colin Calderwood, Colin Hendry and Jim Leighton often at its heart — that has kept a clean-sheet in 16 of the past 19 matches in the principal tournaments. Add the expertise of Gary McAllister, Lambert and Collins in midfield and it becomes clear that Brown has quietly amassed substantial resources.

Few opponents are under any illusion regarding Scotland's prowess. Yesterday, Brown flew to France to begin assessing possible accommodation, but he has also started to ponder the composition of the party that will accompany him there next summer. The hope that Scotland can advance beyond the opening stage of the World Cup finals for the first time has its roots in Brown's restless intelligence.

Gallacher cannot hide his elation after scoring the goal that put Scotland ahead against Latvia. Photograph: Owen Humphrys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Carsley provides positive side to negative exercise

Ireland 1
Romania 1

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN DUBLIN

IT WAS one of the more earnest questions of a distinctly light-hearted press conference. "Why," the Romanian journalist asked, "was the game not shown live on television back home?" Anghel Iordanescu, the Romania coach, smiled amid the general laughter. "I do not know," he replied, trying, yet failing, to show respect for the sincerity of the inquiry. "We are very sorry it was not transmitted."

The good citizens of Bucharest and beyond did not miss much. Ireland and Romania turned up at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, in front of 31,000 hardy Irish souls, and at least concluded their programmes in group eight of the European qualifying series for the 1998 World Cup.

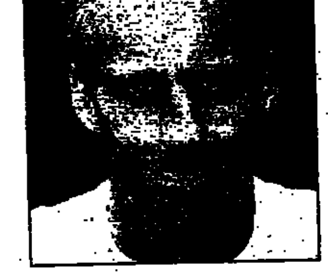
Gheorghe Hagi scored his 32nd goal in 107 internationals for Romania and Tony Cascarino registered his nineteenth in 74 for Ireland — one short of Frank Stapleton's record. Everybody got cold and wet in the monsoon conditions; everybody enjoyed an essentially futile exercise; everybody went home happy. The phoney war ended without casualties.

It was always going to be so. Romania arrived in Dublin with a 100 per cent record from nine matches and had long since won the group. Ireland, depleted by injuries and the need to rest key players for fear of suspensions, had as good as reached the play-offs as runners-up.

"It was a nothing match," Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, conceded. "Motivation was difficult in the circumstances, for both sets of players, but I felt we did quite well and it was a fair result."

Romania will go on and perhaps prosper in France, if their collectively ageing limbs can cope with the frenetic pace. For Ireland, the play-offs beckon and much will depend on how kind the draw is in Zurich this afternoon.

McCarthy, though, should be encouraged. Romania may have played with an air of almost casual indifference, yet his mix-and-match selection covered themselves in credit. Only three players started from the side that had beaten Lithuania 2-1, effectively securing the play-off place, in Vilnius last month. No Given, Keane, Staunton, Townsend, Cunningham, Harte, Gary Kelly, Irwin or Connolly. Seven of McCarthy's chosen 11 can barely hold down regular places in their club sides. Houghton captained his country for the first time in 71 matches and Carsley, the Derby County midfield player, made his debut. Strange bedfellows they might have been, but they competed vigorously and revealed possible options to McCarthy that he had not previously considered.


McCarthy: options

Carsley attracted most attention. He began nervously, poor of touch and unsure of his exact role, but finished strongly. He never hid or surrendered, even when the ball kept squirming embarrassingly from his possession on the greasy surface, and he has energy to burn.

Hagi, 32, cannot have much gas left in the tank, but there is still venom in his left foot, as he demonstrated when swerving a 35-yard free kick past Alan Kelly in the 54th minute.

Ireland deservedly equalised six minutes from the end. Kennedy's corner was headed on by Babb, then Breen before Cascarino stooped to nod past Stelea from close range.

IRELAND (3-4-1-2): A Kelly (Sheffield United) — J Kenna (Blackburn Rovers), G Breen (Coventry City), P Babb (Liverpool) — J McAteer (Liverpool), L Carsley (Derby County); R Houghton (Reading), T Phelan (Everton; sub: C Fleming, Middlesbrough 89min) — A McLoughlin (Portsmouth; sub: D Kelly, Tranmere Rovers, 62) — M Kennedy (Liverpool), A Cascarino (Nancy; sub: M Evans, Southampton, 85).

ROMANIA (3-3-2-2): B Stelea (Salamanca) — D Petrescu (Chelsea), A Dobos (AEK Athens), L Ciobotariu (Nacional Bucharest) — G Popescu (Galatasaray), C Calca (Español), T Selymes (Anderlecht) — G Hagi (Galatasaray; sub: I Dumitrescu, Atlante, 84), D Munteanu (Cologne) — V Moldovan (Grasshopper Zurich; sub: I Filipescu, Galatasaray, 62); A Ilie (Galatasaray; sub: M Lacatus, Steaua Bucharest, 76)

Referee: N Levnikov (Russia).

Giggs expresses hope for Wales's future

Belgium 3
Wales 2

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN BRUSSELS

RYAN GIGGS, the acting Wales captain here on Saturday, believes that the young players from his country can help him to realise his dream of playing in the World Cup finals. The Manchester United winger is convinced that, despite their defeat here in group seven, better things lie ahead.

Giggs himself led from the front with a superlative performance as Wales came back from 3-0 down to give the home team, second in the group and thus into the play-offs, a real fright. Wales had been expected to roll over nicely for Belgium, giving them a pleasant confidence boost.

It was Giggs's first game as captain of Wales and no one could have done more for the cause. He scored one goal, was brought down for a penalty and might well have had two more penalties given for fouls against him.

"From what I have seen of the younger players coming through for Wales, I feel confident that they can become a team good enough to qualify for the finals of either the next World Cup or European championship," Giggs said. It is nearly 40 years since Wales qualified for the World Cup finals — in Sweden in 1958 — but Giggs was optimistic despite this defeat.

"We will always score goals," he said. "We have scored six in our last two away games in Turkey and Belgium. There is real hope for the future now.

"We have to be optimistic. Being a Welshman, I have to feel that way. I believe the players we have in the squad at the moment and some of the youngsters coming through from the under-21s can only get better."

BELGIUM: F de Wilde; E Deflandre, B De Roover (sub: M Verstraeten, 65min), L Staelens, R Smidts, N van Kerckhoven (sub: V Borkelmans, 77), F van der Elst, M Wilmots, D Boffin, L Oliveira, G Claessens (sub: L Nilis, 68).

WALES: A Marriott (Wrexham), S Jenkins (Huddersfield Town), R Edwards (Bristol City), J Robinson (Charlton Athletic), K Ready (Queens Park Rangers), M Pembridge (Sheffield Wednesday), R Savage (Leicester City), D Saunders (Nottingham Forest), J Hartson (West Ham United; sub: G Taylor, Sheffield United, 84), C Hughes (Wimbledon; sub: R Page, Watford, 46), R Giggs (Manchester United).

Referee: V Melo Pereira (Portugal).

Hamilton will put his country first

BRYAN HAMILTON said yesterday that he will only accept a new contract as manager of Northern Ireland if it is "right" for the team. His contract, signed in 1994, expires next summer and he is to open talks with the Irish Football Association about a new deal.

"I must weigh up and assess whether I can affect the progress of Northern Ireland football, which is of the utmost importance to me," he said. "I am sure whatever happens it will be in Northern Ireland's best interests. That must be the overriding concern — not Bryan Hamilton."

Northern Ireland completed their World Cup qualifying group nine campaign with a 1-0 defeat in Portugal. Sergio Conceicao scored the only goal after 17 minutes in the Stadium of Light in Benfica to leave Northern Ireland with just one win and seven points from their ten matches.

PORTUGAL: Silvino; P Santos, Helder, Oceano, F Couto, P Sousa, Figo, J Pinto, Pauleta (sub: Cadete, 63min), S Conceicao (sub: Dani, 79), Dimas.

NORTHERN IRELAND: A Fettis; I Nolan, S Morrow, C Hill (sub: G McMahon, 77), G Taggart, S Lomas, J Magilton, N Lennon (sub: J McCarthy, 77), I Dowie, K Horlock, M Hughes.

Referee: P Mikkelsen (Denmark).

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FOOTBALL

Marsden's first goal sees off his old club

Birmingham City 1
Wolverhampton W 0

BY DAVID POWELL

TWO clubs who feel that they should be opposing each other in the FA Carling Premiership and have spent with the top flight in mind, had their West Midlands derby settled by a single goal yesterday. It was scored by Chris Marsden, a former Wolverhampton Wanderer, making his debut for Birmingham City.

An exquisite seventh-minute shot by Marsden, a £500,000 buy from Stockport County, ended Birmingham's lean spell after they had scored only once and taken one point from their previous four Nationwide League first division matches. Now they are back up to sixth place and rejuvenated for their Coca-Cola Cup tie with Arsenal at Highbury tomorrow.

Marsden made the most of his good fortune when an intended pass came back to him off the legs of Mark Atkins and he struck from 12 yards past the helpless Mike Stowell, the Wolves goalkeeper.

How sweet the moment was for Marsden. At Wolverhampton, he was not rated by Graham Taylor, then the manager. "I had a frustrating ten months and when I left there with a broken leg, having played in only a handful of games, it was the lowest point of my career."

Both teams fielded a man called abroad for World Cup duty last week, although neither played. Jon McCarthy, Birmingham's right-sided midfield player, returned only yesterday morning from Northern Ireland's 1-0 defeat in Portugal. Adrian Williams, the Wolverhampton defender, went to Belgium with Wales, but the Achilles tendon injury he took with him let him down in training on Thursday and he flew back.

Shortly after the half-hour, Williams was probably regretting his remarkable recovery as Furlong, Birmingham's central striker, turned him this way and that to work an opening. How relieved Williams looked when Furlong blasted his shot high and wide.

Within seconds, Ferguson had slipped a pass through to Bull, who was beaten narrowly to the ball by Bennett, the Birmingham goalkeeper. Immediately, at the other end of the pitch, Stowell was required to make a sprawling save from Furlong's low shot. Bull, needing three more goals to reach 300 for Wolves, wasted a chance after 28 minutes and two more in the second half.

Mark McGhee has spent over £5 million in 2½ years as manager at Wolverhampton. He failed last season to satisfy demand when his team missed out on promotion, losing to Crystal Palace in the play-off semi-finals. With this season well into gear, they seem destined to under-achieve again.

Even before a story appeared in a Sunday tabloid yesterday, suggesting that Sir Jack Hayward, the club president and benefactor, had met Ron Atkinson and was lining him up to replace McGhee, Bull had been highlighting the manager's plight.

"The pressure is on because we are mid-table," Bull had said. "That is not good enough and that is why the gaffer is under threat." Before kick-off, Sir Jack issued a statement saying he wished "to make it absolutely clear that I have not had any contact whatsoever with Ron Atkinson regarding the position of manager".

Last season, it was Wolverhampton's record away from home — 12 victories — that took them into the play-offs. However, this season they have lost four and won only one of six away matches.

BIRMINGHAM CITY (3-5-2): I Bennett — J Bass, S Bruce, G Ablett — J McCarthy, B Hughes (sub: A Hey, 79min), M O'Connor, C Marsden, M Grainger — P Devlin, P Furlong (sub: P Ndlovu, 67).
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-5-2): M Stowell — A Williams, M Atkins, K Curle — J Smith, J Sanquan (sub: C Robinson, 46), D Ferguson, P Simpson, L Naylor — R Keane (sub: D Foley, 63), S Bull.
Referee: M Brandwood

Marsden celebrates his match-winning goal on his debut for Birmingham City in the Midlands derby at St Andrew's yesterday

Hay gives Swindon two more for their money

Swindon Town 3
Bury 1

BY KEITH PIKE

HERE was proof that the FA Carling Premiership does not have the exclusive rights to entertainment or a monopoly on skill: a see-saw encounter in skiddy, treacherous conditions, deservedly won by Swindon Town but not before Bury had summoned their renowned battling qualities to turn a potential rout into a contest — and all achieved without the pre-match hype, half-time dancing girls and moronic DJs turned public address announcers who seem determined to incite hostility at so many of the posher grounds.

On a different level, the County Ground on Saturday offered further evidence of football's capacity to turn despair into delight, and vice versa.

Just four years ago this weekend, as England were failing to do in Rotterdam what they managed in Rome, Swindon, having just visited Old Trafford and with a trip to White Hart Lane looming, were preparing to welcome Everton. Bury? Driving back from Doncaster Rovers, where victory had steered them away from the precipice marked Vauxhall Conference. A player sold here, a debt cleared there and, after successive promotions, here they were competing with the Wiltshire club on level terms. Except that Bury do not have a striker with a point to prove and the ability to prove it.

After being limited to 25 appearances in four seasons with Celtic, where his uncle, David, was captain and then manager, Chris Hay needed no persuasion to move into the Nationwide League first division this summer. Steve McMahon's £330,000 investment has so far been rewarded with eight goals from the Scot and second place in the table. Here, his team made Hay while the rain fell.

Distinctly uncomfortable in front of the microphones and clearly embarrassed that his manager has compared him to Ian Rush, Hay has no need to worry about talking a good game for now. A hat-trick against Port Vale last week was followed by two goals in the opening 13 minutes against Bury — a fine finish from an angle and a tap-in — which forced Stan Ternent, the Bury manager, into a hasty double substitution and team reshuffle.

Bury achieved parity, if not authority, and pulled one back through Battersby, only for Gooden to settle Swindon's nerves with the goal of the game in the 76th minute. It was good stuff.

SWINDON TOWN (3-5-2): F Digby — A McDonald (sub: C Casper, 33min), L Collins, C Taylor — M Walters (sub: J Drysdale, 62), B Borrows, K Watson, S Leitch, T Gooden — C Hay, W Allison.
BURY (3-5-2): D Kiely — C Lucketti, P Swan, P Butler — N Daws (sub: A Woodward, 68), A Gray, I Hughes (sub: J Peake, 20), L Johnrose (sub: A Rigby, 20), S Morgan — A Battersby, D Johnson.
Referee: S Baines.

Reading ready to leave their past far behind

Reading.. 3
Crewe Alexandra.......................... 3

BY PETER ROBINSON

THE two of them trudged up Wantage Road, debating great away trips of the past. "Northampton Town was my first," one said. "We won 1-0, I think." "Lincoln City, funny place," came the reply. "Seemed like the end of the world ..." It is a past that Reading are determined to leave far, far behind.

From next season, they will play in a £37 million, 25,000-seat stadium a stone's throw from the M4. There will be a conference centre, a banqueting suite and, wait for it, the country's second-biggest car park. It will be a stadium fit for the 21st century.

In Reading. Reading? On Saturday, huddled against the rain, the whole thing sounded faintly ludicrous. This was Elm Park, in its 102nd year, with 6,685 soggy souls, most of them standing, barely 100 from Crewe, watching two teams paddling in puddles. Those 6,685 would be lost in a 25,000-seat stadium. They and it would look silly.

Still, if they can take games like Saturday's with them, they and the club will be happy enough. Three goals down in barely half an hour, Reading fought back to 3-2 at half-time, then 3-3, could have scored more and should have conceded more. Even Dario Gradi, the Crewe manager, having seen his team waste a three-goal lead, said he had fun.

Those goals: Westwood stole the first after 12 minutes, Little punished a defensive blunder for the second after 18. Adebola scored the third with a powerful run and shot. Back came Reading. Asaba made it 3-1, then, just before half-time, Bernal had a shot cleared off the line. No matter — Westwood scored an own goal, turning in a cross by the excellent Meaker. Before the hour was up, Asaba headed the equaliser. Phew. Next, Wdowczyk climbed all over Rivers, obvious penalty, not given, and finally ... Smith must score! Peter Smith, that is, but he dithered and McPherson denied him.

John Madejski enjoyed the game, too. This was evidence of the team spirit of which the Reading chairman is justly proud, as he is of the promising future. "We are aiming for the stars, you have to. We want to play in the Premiership." And in the Madejski Stadium, no less. "I know, I know, it's not my idea. I do feel a bit embarrassed about it." But then if you are guaranteeing £10.6 million of the cost of the new ground from your own pocket, you probably deserve every accolade going.

READING (4-4-2): S Mautone — A Bernal, K McPherson, L Primus (sub: D Wdowczyk, 61min), S Swales — M Meaker, P Parkinson, D Caskey (sub: B Glasgow, 80), J Lambert — M Williams, C Asaba.
CREWE ALEXANDRA (4-4-2): J Kearton — M Bignot, A Westwood, L Unsworth, S Smith — C Little, K Lunt, P Charnock, M Rivers — D Adebola (sub: P Smith, 56; sub: K Street, 88), S Anthrobus
Referee: R Styles.

Revolution by stealth remains the Wilkins watchword

Fulham 1
Blackpool 0

BY MATT DICKINSON

NO DAREDEVIL as a player, Ray Wilkins is leading a typically cautious revolution at Craven Cottage. In fact, were it not for the sight of Wilkins and Kevin Keegan exhorting from the dug-out, you could be forgiven for thinking that nothing was stirring at all by the banks of the Thames.

"Together we can push the limits to endless bounds," Mohamed Al Fayed, the club owner, declared in his programme address, but the inhabitants of SW6 may take a little more convincing. Fewer than 70 have rushed to buy season tickets since the Egyptian businessman lured Keegan to the Nationwide League second division club.

For all the ambition, there is still something of a timewarp about the place, with its wooden stand and quaint cottage. Listed status means that they are just about the only things whose future is guaranteed.

On the pitch, too, Wilkins has resisted the temptation for instant changes. Paul Bracewell, signed from Sunderland for £75,000 last week, made his debut as captain on Saturday, but the manager has persevered with the same formation and largely the same team left him by Micky Adams, his predecessor.

That proved a great frustration to one local journalist, who rattled off a list of rumoured transfer targets to the new manager, ranging from Beardsley to Del Piero. Wilkins, however, is standing by his promise to give the squad six weeks to impress and, on the evidence so far, they should be good enough to challenge for promotion.

They had little trouble defeating a mediocre Blackpool side on Saturday. Fulham took the lead after 34 minutes, when Mike Conroy swept home the simplest of finishes, and kept it.

FULHAM (5-3-2): M Walton — N Smith (sub: R Scott, 33min), D Cullip, M Blake, M Lawrence, R Herrera — R Carpenter, P Bracewell, S Hayward — P Moody (sub: N Cusack, 85), M Conroy (sub: L McKenzie, 57).
BLACKPOOL (4-4-2): S Banks — M Bryan, J Lydiate, D Linighan, N Worthington — J Quinn, M Mellon, M Bonner, L Philpott (sub P Clarkson, 63) — A Ellis, A Preece
Referee: K Leach.

Kavanagh regains composure to give Stoke upper hand

Stoke City 2
Port Vale 1

BY RICHARD HOBSON

THE first "derby" game staged at the Britannia Stadium was contested as passionately as any at the old Victoria Ground. It will be debated fiercely in the taverns of Burslem for weeks to come, too. Stoke City emerged as victors and should have added to their two first-half goals, but Port Vale could feel aggrieved at two crucial decisions that went against them.

Kavanagh deserved to be sent off for a grotesque, two-footed challenge on Aspin in the seventeenth minute. He was shown a yellow card instead and proceeded to exert an enormous influence on the game. Then, a minute before half-time, Tweed clearly handled on the goalline, only for Clive Wilkes, the referee to miss the infringement.

For their part, Stoke were able to point to television replays suggesting that a header by Forsyth had crossed the line before Musselwhite scooped it away in the second half. Yet they also squandered enough chances to win comfortably before they were forced on to the back foot towards the end of the game.

Musselwhite: scoop save

Amid great tension, Tweed and Sigurdsson headed to safety a series of crosses from Ainsworth as Vale surged forward. Sigurdsson, an abrasive customer, had flown back from international duty in Iceland on Saturday night as the only passenger on a privately-chartered aeroplane.

Matches between such geographically close rivals tend to be memorable or stultifying. The tone is invariably set by the opening exchanges and, by taking the lead in the third minute, Stoke ensured an entertaining afternoon.

Kavanagh threaded a pass inside Tankard to Keen, whose accurate cross was headed powerfully beyond Musselwhite by Forsyth. On the quarter-hour, Forsyth should have scored again, but shot into the side-netting instead. Vale equalised in the 21st minute, when a glancing header by Naylor looped over Muggleton, but Stoke were ahead again 12 minutes later.

Ray Wallace won an important tackle midway inside his own half before finding Kavanagh, who ran unchallenged for fully 50 yards before delivering a fine pass into the path of Keen, who side-footed the ball into the far corner from 12 yards.

If the deceptive autumnal nip in the air did not cause hairs to stand on end, then some of the full-blooded challenges certainly did.

As Vale pressed, a header by Ainsworth was scrambled away by Muggleton and his shot from the resulting corner was cleared off the line.

Chic Bates, the Stoke manager, felt his side deserved their fifth win in six matches. "We were a bit apprehensive about playing in the new stadium at first, but I think we have settled down now," he said.

STOKE CITY (4-4-2): C Muggleton — A Pickering, L Sigurdsson, S Tweed, A Griffin — K Keen, G Kavanagh, R Wallace, R Forsyth — J Andrade (sub: D Crowe, 88min), P Thorne.
PORT VALE (4-4-2): P Musselwhite — A Hill (sub: I Bogie, 86), M Snijders, N Aspin, A Tankard — G Ainsworth, S Talbot, A Porter, R Koordes (sub: W Corden, 75) — T Naylor, L Mills (sub: M Foyle, 75).
Referee: C Wilkes

Macclesfield set sights on further successes

Notts County 1
Macclesfield Town 1

BY RICHARD HOBSON

EVERYBODY apart from Sammy McIlroy wanted to leave Meadow Lane. "Some of us have a game to watch tonight," the driver of the team coach said, imploring the Macclesfield Town manager to end his al fresco press conference. "It is only England," McIlroy replied with a grin. "Why do you think I am taking my time?"

He was beginning to explain his delight at a thoughtful, creditable performance, disappointment that it had yielded just a single point and relief that nobody had picked up an injury. With good fortune on the fitness front, he might be celebrating an even bigger achievement next May than promotion last season from the Vauxhall Conference. Certainly if Notts County, in third place, are considered among the better sides in the Nationwide League third division, then there is not much to beat.

The League's oldest club were quite awful on Saturday. In contrast to the short, neat passing and purposeful movement of the visitors, they hoofed the ball forward with bovine predictability.

But for Ward, the County goalkeeper, Macclesfield would have secured their first away win of the season. He tipped over a shot from Whittaker, blocked a firm effort by Howarth and then denied Askey from close range.

Price hardly matched that in allowing a Richardson shot to pass between his legs after 43 minutes. Macclesfield held their shape, though, and gained due reward in the 74th minute when Wood met Askey's cross at full stretch from 12 yards.

NOTTS COUNTY (4-4-2): D Ward — I Hendon, G Strodder, M Redmile, D Pearce — S Derry (sub: S Finnan, 69min), I Richardson, I Baraclough, R Otto — C Dudley (sub: S Farrell, 86), G Jones (sub: J Jackson 82).
MACCLESFIELD TOWN (4-4-2): R Price — D Tinson, E Sodje, N Howarth, C Edey — N Sorvel, S Wood, M Cooper, S Whittaker — J Askey, P Power
Referee: K Lynch.

Fox finds relief in a squeeze

Exeter City 1
Swansea City 0

BY DAVID POWELL

ON CARNIVAL day in Exeter, the city's football club gave the celebrations extra zing. From being near the back of the Nationwide League third division parade last season, Exeter are now close to the front. Paul Birch's goal elevated the club into second place.

Last season, Exeter avoided relegation to the Vauxhall Conference by one point. For Peter Fox, the manager, the worst has passed and, for one so long held in a financial stranglehold, he is finding a squeeze a relief.

When he purchased Steve Flack for £10,000 13 months ago, it was Exeter's first buy for 31 months.

Mark Devlin, on loan from Stoke City, was the latest new face on show on Saturday. "We are not the richest club, but the chairman has backed me again by bringing Devlin in," Fox said.

Swansea were fortunate not to lose by more. Roger Freestone, in goal, if wayward in his kicking, was dependable in his shot-stopping, but Birch's venomous drive after 31 minutes was beyond him.

Micky Adams, unwanted by the new Fulham, declined to be a hanging judge after one match as Swansea manager. He indicated, however, that experienced players would be brought in to shore up a young team.

"I know from my experience at Fulham that young sides do not get you promotion," Adams said.

EXETER CITY (3-4-3): A Bayes — J Richardson, S Baddeley, N Blake — C Fry, P Birch, J Gardner, S Gale — J Williams (sub: L Braithwaite, 70min), D Rowbotham (sub: M Devlin, 79), S Flack.
SWANSEA CITY (4-4-2): R Freestone — J Price, K Walker, C Edwards, P Agnew — D Lacey (sub: G Jones, 67), S Chapple, J Coates (sub: R Appleby, 55), R Casey — A Bird, S Watkin (sub: J Harris, 80).
Referee: A Bates.

Waddle's critics hunger for diet of substance over style

Burnley 3
Carlisle United 1

BY DAVID MADDOCK

THE figure huddled inside an oversize coat and heavy tweed hat suddenly halted. "It's supposed to be a meat pie," he rasped, a strange, dull object placed before his face, "but there's no bloody meat." The last of the Burnley supporters had left Turf Moor for home. Some, hardy souls, were even prepared to run the risk of the hot counter at the corner shop. Perhaps their club's first league win of the season had jumbled their senses.

Not to the extent of being gracious towards Chris Waddle, the club's new manager, though. The locals are no more convinced by Waddle than by the pies. His record hardly passes muster.

Waddle's team play in his image and it brought a pleasing enough victory on Saturday over a Carlisle United side short on direction, thanks to a chairman — Michael Knighton — who believes he does not need a manager and so runs the team himself.

Yet the Nationwide League second division is not necessarily the best place for pleasing theory. It is certainly not the best place for a new manager who still has all the air of a man used to the glamour of the top-flight professional. Waddle is aloof and wary of the media in equal measures.

The local press who have to deal with him on a daily basis complain that he rarely takes their calls and comes to the press room hours after the final whistle. "I'll bet he doesn't hang around until after six o'clock tonight though," was the wry suggestion after the first win was finally recorded. Sure enough, there he was, addressing the amused gathering at 5.15pm.

He did not have much to say though. The first goal was "well worked" and, of the scorer, Paul Barnes, the manager was "pleased for the lad, he's had a barren spell". Creaney, who scored the other two goals, had "done well".

Burnley were too good for a Carlisle team who desperately need a manager, but they are still bottom and their own manager is not exactly the most popular man in Lancashire.

BURNLEY (4-4-2): M Beresford — C Brass, M Winstanley, N Moore, C Vinnicombe — C Waddle (sub: P Weller, 82min), G Harrison, M Ford, D Eyres — G Creaney (sub: A Cooke, 86), P Barnes.
CARLISLE UNITED (4-3-1-2): A Caig — R Bowman, W Varty, S Pounewatchy, O Archdeacon — R Prokas, B Barr, A Couzens — W Aspinall — G McAlindon (sub: I Stevens, 75), M Jansen.
Referee: A Wiley

Rocastle rises from ashes

Hull City 3
Scarborough 0

BY BILL EDGAR

DAVID ROCASTLE'S footballing re-emergence at the country's 91st-ranked club — coming as it did on a day when three of his old Arsenal chums were hailed as England heroes — continued his education at the school of hard knocks.

Hours before David Seaman, Tony Adams and Ian Wright helped to secure England's place in the World Cup finals, their one-time fellow pupil at George Graham's Highbury academy was to be found at Boothferry Park securing valuable points for lowly Hull City in the Nationwide League third division.

Since his expulsion by Graham in 1992, Rocastle — the youngest of the quartet at 30 — has failed to add to his 14 international caps. Glenn Hoddle took him to Chelsea after brief spells at Leeds United and Manchester City — he excelled at the latter — but Ruud Gullit's arrival at Stamford Bridge sent his career nosediving.

Overlooked and forgotten, Rocastle became so disheartened that he jumped at the chance to join Hull for a five-week loan period, which he began on Saturday with a fine performance and a goal in the win over Scarborough.

"When Ruud Gullit took over from Glenn Hoddle, he told me I didn't figure in his plans before he'd even seen me play and without saying why," Rocastle, a championship winner with Arsenal in 1989 and 1991, said. "It's been a very difficult time. A few eyebrows were raised when people heard I was coming to Hull. They thought there was something wrong with me. But it's a breath of fresh air after ten months of football in the reserves."

Rocastle: inspired Hull

Mark Hateley, the Hull player-manager, did his best to make the Londoner feel at home, fielding Ian Wright in defence and giving the captaincy to Gregor Rioch, son of the former Arsenal manager, Bruce. Kevin Gage set up early goals for Richard Peacock and Rocastle, Michael Quigley adding a third in the 64th minute.

Hull had lost a three-goal lead at home to Torquay United the week before, but this time they withstood a second-half onslaught by their local rivals to gain confidence for the Coca-Cola Cup trip to Newcastle on Wednesday.

HULL CITY (3-5-2): S Wilson — M Hocking, M Greaves, I Wright (sub: M Quigley, 60min) — K Gage, W Joyce, D Rocastle, G Rioch, P Fewings — R Peacock (sub: M Hateley, 65), C Betney
SCARBOROUGH (4-5-1): K Martin — J Kay, M McElhatton (sub: J Mitchell, 46), P Atkins, C Sutherland (sub: N Campbell, 46) — L Robinson (sub: C Tate, 66), G Bennett, T Bennett, I Snodin, G Williams — S Brodie
Referee: R Pearson

Tiverton extend cup run

Dorchester Town 0
Tiverton Town 1

BY WALTER GAMMIE

ONE by one, Tiverton Town have picked off Dorset's finest in the FA Cup. First Weymouth, then Wimborne Town — by a hefty 11-1 — and now Dorchester Town in a third-qualifying round tie at the splendid Avenue Stadium.

The Screwfix Direct Western League champions are big fish in a small pond, itching to go one better after defeats by Aldershot, Barnet and Leyton Orient in the first round in the past seven seasons.

Nonetheless, Dorchester, starting the day fifth in the Dr Martens League premier division and unbeaten at home, expected better. Stuart Morgan, their manager for four years, has clearly weathered the upheaval caused by a £50,000 loss made last season.

He sold Craig Taylor to Swindon Town for £25,000, Owen Pickard to Yeovil Town for £15,000 and accepted a cut to his budget. Injuries to Neil Coates and Ryan Cross had disrupted his defence, but he offered no excuses. "All credit to Tiverton," he said. "They outplayed us in every department."

High among Tiverton's assets is Phil Everett, who scored the match's lone goal in the 43rd minute. Having supplied a cross from the left touchline and seen Varley fluff an attempted volley but recover to twice have shots blocked, Everett arrived to finish the job with a flourish of a distinctive red boot.

Varley and Daly wasted chances to finish off the tie, but the defence never wavered as Tiverton made it 11 wins out of 11 — to the delight of their supporters, who doubled Dorchester's crowd to 1,171.

DORCHESTER TOWN (3-5-2): K Maloy — R O'Brien, A Harris, T Redwood — M Sullivan, S Richardson, C Myers, D Lovell (sub: E Laight, 57min), M Lisk — T Killick, M Shepherd
TIVERTON TOWN (3-5-2): P Edwards — J Smith, P Tatterton, N Saunders — S Hynds, S Daly, P Conning, K Nancekivell, D Leonard — P Varley (sub: G Waters, 84), P Everett
Referee: S West

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EUROPEAN QUALIFYING GROUPS FOR THE 1998 WORLD CUP FINALS

The 1998 World Cup finals will be the biggest yet with 32 nations competing. Europe will provide the largest contingent, with 14 qualifying places at stake and France automatically included as hosts. Africa will produce five qualifiers, three or four will come from Asia, four from South America, three from Concacaf (north and central America) and one or none from Oceania (Australasia and the Far East). Brazil, as holders, qualify automatically.

The European qualifying competition is based on nine groups. The group winners and the best runner-up qualify. The other eight runners-up will be drawn in pairs and the four winners will also qualify for the finals.

The finals will be held from June 10 to July 12, 1998, and will comprise 48 matches. The 32 teams will be divided into eight pools of four and matches will be played in 10 venues, two in Paris (the Stade de France at St Denis and the Parc des Princes), Bordeaux, Lens, Lyons, Marseilles, Montpellier, Nantes, St Etienne and Toulouse. The final will be at the Stade de France.

* qualified for finals

EUROPE

GROUP ONE

RESULTS: Greece 0 Denmark 0; Slovenia 1 Croatia 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Denmark	8	5	2	1	14	6	17
Croatia	8	4	3	1	17	12	15
Greece	8	4	2	2	11	4	14
Bosnia	8	3	0	5	9	14	9
Slovenia	8	0	1	7	5	20	1

PREVIOUS RESULTS: Greece 2 Slovenia 0, Greece 3 Bosnia-Herzegovina 0, Slovenia 0 Denmark 2, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1 Croatia 4; Denmark 2 Greece 1; Slovenia 1 Bosnia-Herzegovina 2; Croatia 1 Greece 1, Croatia 1 Denmark 1: Bosnia-Herzegovina 0 Greece 1; Croatia 3 Slovenia 3; Denmark 4 Slovenia 0; Greece 0 Croatia 1, Denmark 2 Bosnia-Herzegovina 0, Bosnia-Herzegovina 3 Denmark 0; Croatia 3 Bosnia-Herzegovina 2; Slovenia 0 Greece 3; Denmark 3 Croatia 1; Bosnia-Herzegovina 1 Slovenia 0

GROUP TWO

ITALY (0) 0 ENGLAND (0) 0
81,200
Sent off: A Di Livio (Italy) 77

OTHER RESULT: Georgia 3 Poland 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* England	8	6	1	1	15	2	19
Italy	8	5	3	0	11	1	18
Poland	8	3	1	4	10	12	10
Georgia	8	3	1	4	7	9	10
Moldova	8	0	0	8	2	21	0

PREVIOUS RESULTS: Moldova 0 England 3, Moldova 1 Italy 3; England 2 Poland 1, Italy 1 Georgia 0; Georgia 0 England 2, Poland 2 Moldova 1, England 0 Italy 1; Italy 3 Moldova 0; Poland 0 Italy 0; Italy 3 Poland 0, England 2 Georgia 0; Poland 0 England 2; Georgia 2 Moldova 0; Poland 4 Georgia 1, Georgia 0 Italy 0; England 4 Moldova 0; Moldova 0 Georgia 1, Moldova 0 Poland 3.

GROUP THREE

RESULTS: Finland 1 Hungary 1, Switzerland 5 Azerbaijan 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Norway	8	6	2	0	21	2	20
Hungary	8	3	3	2	10	8	12
Finland	8	3	2	3	11	12	11
Switzerland	8	3	1	4	11	12	10
Azerbaijan	8	1	0	7	3	22	3

PREVIOUS RESULTS: Norway 5 Azerbaijan 0; Azerbaijan 1 Switzerland 0; Hungary 1 Finland 0; Finland 2 Switzerland 3; Norway 3 Hungary 0; Switzerland 0 Norway 1, Azerbaijan 0 Hungary 3; Azerbaijan 1 Finland 2; Switzerland 1 Hungary 0; Norway 1 Finland 1; Finland 3 Azerbaijan 0; Hungary 1 Norway 1, Hungary 1 Switzerland 1, Finland 0 Norway 4; Hungary 1 Switzerland 1, Switzerland 1 Finland 2, Azerbaijan 0 Norway 1; Hungary 3 Azerbaijan 1; Norway 5 Switzerland 0

GROUP FOUR

SCOTLAND (1) 2 LATVIA (0) 0
Gallacher 43
Durie 80
47,613

OTHER RESULTS: Austria 4 Belarus 0; Sweden 1 Estonia 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Austria	10	8	1	1	17	4	25
* Scotland	10	7	2	1	15	3	23
Sweden	10	7	0	3	16	9	21
Latvia	10	3	1	6	10	14	10
Estonia	10	1	1	8	4	16	4
Belarus	10	1	1	8	5	21	4

PREVIOUS RESULTS: Sweden 5 Belarus 1; Austria 0 Scotland 0; Belarus 1 Estonia 0; Latvia 1 Sweden 2; Latvia 0 Scotland 2; Estonia 1 Belarus 0; Belarus 1 Latvia 1; Sweden 0 Austria 1; Austria 2 Latvia 1, Scotland 1 Sweden 0; Estonia 0 Scotland 0 (in Monaco); Scotland 2 Estonia 0; Scotland 2 Austria 0, Latvia 2 Belarus 0, Sweden 2 Scotland 1, Austria 2 Estonia 0; Estonia 1 Latvia 3; Belarus 0 Scotland 1, Latvia 1 Austria 3; Estonia 2 Sweden 3, Estonia 0 Austria 3, Belarus 1 Sweden 2, Austria 1 Sweden 0; Latvia 1 Estonia 0; Scotland 4 Belarus 1; Belarus 0 Austria 1; Sweden 1 Latvia 0

GROUP FIVE

RESULTS: Cyprus 2 Luxembourg 0, Russia 4 Bulgaria 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Bulgaria	8	6	0	2	18	9	18
Russia	8	5	2	1	19	5	17
Israel	8	4	1	3	9	7	13
Cyprus	8	3	1	4	10	15	10
Luxembourg	8	0	0	8	2	22	0

PREVIOUS RESULTS: Israel 2 Bulgaria 1; Russia 4 Cyprus 0; Luxembourg 1 Bulgaria 2; Israel 1 Russia 1; Cyprus 2 Israel 0; Luxembourg 0 Russia 4; Cyprus 1 Bulgaria 3. Israel 1 Luxembourg 0; Cyprus 1 Russia 1; Luxembourg 0 Israel 3; Bulgaria 4 Cyprus 1; Israel 2 Cyprus 0; Russia 3 Luxembourg 0; Bulgaria 4 Luxembourg 0; Russia 2 Israel 0; Bulgaria 1 Israel 0; Luxembourg 1 Cyprus 3; Bulgaria 1 Russia 0

GROUP SIX

RESULTS: Malta 0 Yugoslavia 5; Spain 3 Faeroe Islands 1: Czech Republic 3 Slovakia 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Spain	10	8	2	0	26	6	26
Yugoslavia	10	7	2	1	29	7	23
Czech Republic	10	5	1	4	16	6	16
Slovakia	10	5	1	4	18	14	16
Faeroe Islands	10	2	0	8	10	31	6
Malta	10	0	0	10	2	37	0

PREVIOUS RESULTS: Yugoslavia 3 Faeroe Islands 1; Yugoslavia 6 Malta 0; Faeroe Islands 1 Slovakia 2; Faeroe Islands 2 Spain 6, Czech Republic 6 Malta 0; Slovakia 6 Malta 0; Faeroe Islands 1 Yugoslavia 8; Czech Republic 0 Spain 0; Slovakia 3 Faeroe Islands 0; Yugoslavia 1 Czech Republic 0; Spain 4 Slovakia 1; Spain 2 Yugoslavia 0; Malta 0 Spain 3; Spain 4 Malta 0; Malta 0 Slovakia 2; Czech Republic 1 Yugoslavia 2; Malta 1 Faeroe Islands 2; Yugoslavia 1 Spain 1; Faeroe Islands 2 Malta 1; Spain 1 Czech Republic 0; Yugoslavia 2 Slovakia 0; Czech Republic 2 Faeroe Islands 0; Slovakia 2 Czech Republic 1; Faeroe Islands 0 Czech Republic 2; Slovakia 1 Yugoslavia 1; Malta 0 Czech Republic 1; Slovakia 1 Spain 2.

GROUP SEVEN

BELGIUM (3) 3 WALES (0) 2
Staelens 4 (pen)
Claessens 33
Wilmots 38
Pembridge 52 (pen)
Giggs 80
40,000

OTHER RESULT: Holland 0 Turkey 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Holland	8	6	1	1	26	4	19
Belgium	8	6	0	2	20	11	18
Turkey	8	4	2	2	21	9	14
Wales	8	2	1	5	20	21	7
San Marino	8	0	0	8	0	42	0

PREVIOUS RESULTS: San Marino 0 Wales 5; Wales 6 San Marino 0; Belgium 2 Turkey 1; Wales 1 Holland 3; San Marino 0 Belgium 3; Holland 7 Wales 1; Turkey 7 San Marino 0; Wales 0 Turkey 0; Belgium 0 Holland 3; Wales 1 Belgium 2; Holland 4 San Marino 0, Turkey 1 Holland 0; Turkey 1 Belgium 3; San Marino 0 Holland 6, Belgium 6 San Marino 0; Turkey 6 Wales 4; Holland 3 Belgium 1; San Marino 0 Turkey 5

GROUP EIGHT

IRELAND (0) 1 ROMANIA (0) 1
Cascarino 84
Hagi 53
49,000

OTHER RESULTS: Iceland 4 Liechtenstein 0; Macedonia 1 Lithuania 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Romania	10	9	1	0	37	4	28
Ireland	10	5	3	2	22	8	18
Lithuania	10	5	2	3	11	8	17
Macedonia	10	4	1	5	22	18	13
Iceland	10	2	3	5	11	16	9
Liechtenstein	10	0	0	10	3	52	0

PREVIOUS RESULTS: Macedonia 3 Liechtenstein 0; Iceland 1 Macedonia 1; Liechtenstein 0 Ireland 5; Romania 3 Lithuania 0; Lithuania 2 Iceland 0; Iceland 0 Romania 4; Ireland 3 Macedonia 0; Lithuania 2 Liechtenstein 1; Liechtenstein 1 Macedonia 11; Ireland 0 Iceland 0; Macedonia 0 Romania 3; Romania 8 Liechtenstein 0; Macedonia 3 Ireland 2; Lithuania 0 Romania 1; Romania 1 Ireland 0; Liechtenstein 0 Lithuania 2; Ireland 5 Liechtenstein 0; Macedonia 1 Iceland 0; Iceland 0 Lithuania 0, Ireland 0 Lithuania 0; Liechtenstein 0 Iceland 4; Romania 4 Macedonia 2; Iceland 2 Ireland 4; Liechtenstein 1 Romania 8; Lithuania 2 Macedonia 0; Romania 4 Iceland 0; Lithuania 1 Ireland 2.

GROUP NINE

PORTUGAL (1) 1 N IRELAND (0) 0
Conceicao 17
31,847

OTHER RESULTS: Germany 4 Albania 3; Armenia 0 Ukraine 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Germany	10	6	4	0	23	9	22
Ukraine	10	6	2	2	10	6	20
Portugal	10	5	4	1	12	4	19
Armenia	10	1	5	4	8	17	8
N Ireland	10	1	4	5	6	10	7
Albania	10	1	1	8	7	20	4

PREVIOUS RESULTS: Northern Ireland 0 Ukraine 1; Armenia 0 Portugal 0; Northern Ireland 1 Armenia 1; Ukraine 2 Portugal 1; Albania 0 Portugal 3, Armenia 1 Germany 5; Albania 1 Armenia 1; Germany 1 Northern Ireland 1, Portugal 1 Ukraine 0; Northern Ireland 2 Albania 0; Portugal 0 Germany 0; Albania 0 Ukraine 1, Northern Ireland 0 Portugal 0; Ukraine 2 Northern Ireland 1; Albania 2 Germany 3; Armenia 0 Northern Ireland 0; Germany 2 Ukraine 0; Ukraine 1 Armenia 1; Portugal 2 Albania 0; Ukraine 0 Germany 0; Northern Ireland 1 Germany 3; Ukraine 1 Albania 0; Portugal 3 Armenia 1; Germany 1 Portugal 1; Armenia 3 Albania 0; Albania 1 Northern Ireland 0 (in Zurich); Germany 4 Armenia 0.

CARLING F.A. PREMIERSHIP

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Arsenal	10	4	1	0	15	1	2	3	0	12	9	22	+17
2 Man Utd	10	4	1	0	10	3	2	2	1	4	1	21	+10
3 Blackburn	10	2	2	1	12	7	3	2	0	8	2	19	+11
4 Leicester	10	2	3	1	9	6	3	0	1	5	2	18	+6
5 Chelsea	9	2	0	1	7	5	3	1	2	17	9	16	+10
6 Derby	8	3	0	0	8	1	2	0	3	8	7	15	+8
7 Liverpool	9	3	0	1	10	5	1	3	1	6	5	15	+6
8 Newcastle	7	4	0	1	6	4	1	0	1	1	1	15	+2
9 Leeds	10	1	1	3	2	6	3	1	1	9	5	14	0
10 A Villa	10	2	1	1	5	7	2	0	4	6	8	13	-4
11 West Ham	10	3	0	1	7	4	1	1	4	5	13	13	-5
12 Coventry	10	2	4	0	8	6	0	2	2	0	5	12	-3
13 C Palace	10	0	1	3	3	8	3	1	2	6	5	11	-4
14 Tottenham	10	2	2	1	4	4	0	2	3	2	7	10	-5
15 Wimbledon	9	1	2	3	6	7	1	1	1	4	4	9	-1
16 Sheff Wed	10	2	1	2	7	9	0	2	3	7	14	9	-9
17 Bolton	9	0	3	1	1	2	1	2	2	7	10	8	-4
18 Everton	8	2	1	2	9	9	0	1	3	2	7	8	-5
19 Southmptn	10	2	1	3	6	7	0	0	4	2	10	7	-9
20 Barnsley	10	1	0	4	3	14	1	0	4	4	14	6	-21

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Nottm F	10	4	0	1	11	4	3	1	1	4	1	22	(15)
2 Swindon	11	4	2	0	12	5	2	1	2	4	9	21	(16)
3 Bradford	10	3	2	1	8	8	2	1	1	6	5	18	(14)
4 West Brom	10	3	1	1	5	3	2	2	1	7	6	18	(12)
5 Sheff Utd	8	3	1	0	5	1	2	2	0	6	3	18	(11)
6 Birmingham	10	3	0	2	6	2	2	2	1	7	5	17	(13)
7 Stoke	10	3	1	1	8	6	2	1	2	4	5	17	(12)
8 Charlton	9	3	0	1	10	7	2	1	2	10	7	16	(20)
9 QPR	10	3	1	1	7	5	2	0	3	6	11	16	(13)
10 Stockport	11	3	3	0	12	6	1	0	4	7	9	15	(19)
11 Port Vale	11	3	1	1	8	4	1	1	4	6	11	14	(14)
12 Middlesbro	8	2	0	2	6	5	2	2	0	7	4	14	(13)
13 Crewe	10	1	0	4	7	10	3	1	1	9	7	13	(16)
14 Sunderland	10	2	1	2	8	6	2	0	3	6	9	13	(14)
15 Wolvrhmptn	11	2	3	0	9	5	1	1	4	3	8	13	(12)
16 Norwich	10	2	0	3	3	9	2	1	2	5	8	13	(8)
17 Reading	11	2	1	3	10	10	1	1	3	3	11	11	(13)
18 Bury	11	1	3	1	4	5	1	2	3	8	12	11	(12)
19 Oxford Utd	11	2	1	2	7	5	1	0	5	9	14	10	(16)
20 Tranmere	10	3	0	2	10	6	0	1	4	4	8	10	(14)
21 Man City	9	1	2	1	10	5	1	1	3	6	8	9	(16)
22 Ipswich	8	2	1	1	6	5	0	2	2	4	6	9	(10)
23 Portsmth	10	2	1	2	8	8	0	1	4	4	9	8	(12)
24 Huddersfld	9	0	2	3	3	7	0	2	2	2	7	4	(5)

SECOND DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Watford	10	4	1	0	9	4	3	1	1	9	4	23	(18)
2 Northmptn	11	4	0	1	6	3	2	3	1	6	3	21	(12)
3 Millwall	9	4	0	1	12	6	2	0	2	4	4	18	(16)
4 Gillingham	11	4	2	0	9	4	1	1	3	4	7	18	(13)
5 Bristol R	10	3	1	1	8	4	1	4	0	6	5	17	(14)
6 York	11	4	0	2	9	5	1	2	2	5	8	17	(14)
7 Chestrfld	11	3	2	1	10	7	1	3	1	3	3	17	(13)
8 Fulham	11	4	1	1	7	3	1	1	3	4	6	17	(11)
9 Wigan	11	4	1	0	14	6	1	0	5	4	10	16	(18)
10 Bournemth	11	2	2	1	5	3	2	2	2	7	6	16	(12)
11 Preston	11	4	1	1	8	3	0	3	2	3	5	16	(11)
12 Grimsby	11	2	3	1	4	3	2	1	2	6	7	16	(10)
13 Oldham	11	3	2	0	12	8	0	3	3	6	11	14	(18)
14 Walsall	11	4	1	1	12	5	0	1	4	3	9	14	(15)
15 Bristol City	10	3	1	1	9	3	1	1	3	5	7	14	(14)
16 Wycombe	11	2	2	1	7	5	1	2	3	10	13	13	(17)
17 Blackpool	11	3	1	1	10	7	1	0	5	5	13	13	(15)
18 Brentford	11	3	2	0	8	3	0	1	5	4	14	12	(12)
19 Wrexham	10	2	1	1	6	6	1	1	4	7	10	11	(15)
20 Carlisle	11	2	1	2	5	7	1	1	4	9	13	11	(14)
21 Southend	11	3	2	1	6	4	0	0	5	3	14	11	(9)
22 Plymouth	11	1	3	1	5	5	0	3	3	4	10	9	(9)
23 Luton	11	2	1	3	7	12	0	2	3	1	6	9	(8)
24 Burnley	11	1	5	0	6	4	0	0	5	2	8	8	(8)

THIRD DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Peterboro	11	5	0	1	15	5	2	3	0	12	6	24	(27)
2 Exeter	11	3	3	0	8	4	4	0	1	7	4	24	(15)
3 Notts Co	11	3	2	1	8	6	3	2	0	9	4	22	(17)
4 Chester	11	5	1	0	11	2	1	0	4	7	12	19	(18)
5 Scunthrpe	10	4	1	0	7	2	2	0	3	3	6	19	(10)
6 Macclsfld	11	4	1	0	11	3	0	4	2	4	7	17	(15)
7 Cambs Utd	11	3	1	1	13	10	1	3	2	5	5	16	(18)
8 Lincoln	11	2	3	1	6	6	2	1	2	5	6	16	(11)
9 Rochdale	11	5	0	1	14	3	0	0	5	3	9	15	(17)
10 Hartlpool	11	3	2	0	9	4	0	4	2	7	10	15	(16)
11 Colchester	11	3	1	1	8	5	1	2	3	8	12	15	(16)
12 Torquay	11	3	1	1	8	3	1	2	3	7	12	15	(15)
13 Mansfield	11	3	2	1	12	7	1	1	3	2	4	15	(14)
14 Barnet	11	2	1	2	5	4	2	2	2	9	12	15	(14)
15 Scarboro	11	3	1	1	7	5	1	2	3	6	10	15	(13)
16 L Orient	11	2	2	2	5	5	2	1	2	6	5	15	(11)
17 Cardiff	10	1	3	1	6	7	2	2	1	6	5	14	(12)
18 Rotherham	11	3	1	1	13	9	0	3	3	5	9	13	(18)
19 Shrwsbury	11	4	0	2	9	6	0	1	4	6	11	13	(15)
20 Swansea	11	3	1	1	6	2	0	0	6	7	19	10	(13)
21 Brighton	11	1	3	1	5	5	1	0	5	5	12	9	(10)
22 Hull	11	2	2	2	13	12	0	0	5	1	9	8	(14)
23 Darlington	11	1	3	1	6	6	0	2	4	3	11	8	(9)
24 Doncaster	11	0	2	4	4	15	0	2	3	3	9	4	(7)

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Hearts	8	2	0	0	6	2	4	0	2	12	7	18	+9
2 Rangers	7	2	2	0	13	7	3	0	0	9	3	17	+12
3 Celtic	7	2	0	1	7	2	3	0	1	8	5	15	+8
4 Hibernian	8	3	1	2	15	9	0	2	0	2	2	12	+6
5 Dunfrmline	8	1	3	1	8	9	2	0	1	6	7	12	-2
6 St Johnstn	8	1	1	3	3	7	1	2	0	4	3	9	-3
7 Motherwll	8	0	1	3	4	9	2	1	1	8	5	8	-2
8 Kilmarnck	8	1	0	2	2	7	1	2	2	3	10	8	-12
9 Dundee Utd	8	0	1	2	3	5	0	3	2	7	12	4	-7
10 Aberdeen	8	0	2	2	3	6	0	1	3	4	10	3	-9

FIRST DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Hamilton	8	3	1	1	8	5	3	0	0	8	1	19	+10
2 Dundee	8	3	1	1	7	4	3	0	0	7	1	19	+9
3 Falkirk	8	2	0	1	6	8	2	1	2	9	12	13	-2
4 Raith	8	2	1	0	5	2	1	2	2	6	7	12	[illegible]
5 Ayr	8	2	1	2	7	7	1	0	2	3	3	10	[illegible]
6 St Mirren	8	2	1	0	5	3	1	0	4	5	9	10	-2
7 Airdrie	8	1	2	1	5	6	0	3	1	2	3	8	-2
8 G Morton	8	0	1	3	2	8	2	0	2	7	6	7	-5
9 Stirling	8	0	2	2	4	7	1	1	2	7	8	6	-4
10 Partick	8	1	0	3	6	10	0	3	1	4	5	6	-5

SECOND DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Livingston	8	2	1	0	4	1	2	2	1	7	5	15	+5
2 East Fife	8	2	0	2	8	8	3	0	1	7	5	15	+2
3 Forfar	8	2	0	3	8	11	3	0	0	7	2	15	+2
4 Clydebank	8	2	2	1	7	4	1	2	0	4	2	13	+5
5 Stenhsmuir	8	3	1	1	10	10	1	0	2	3	3	13	0
6 Stranraer	8	3	1	0	9	3	0	2	2	3	6	12	+3
7 Clyde	8	2	1	1	5	3	1	2	1	4	6	12	0
8 Queen Of S	8	1	1	1	4	4	1	0	4	8	10	7	-2
9 Brechin	8	0	1	2	2	7	1	1	3	8	13	5	-10
10 Inverness CT	8	0	2	2	4	6	0	1	3	6	9	3	-5

THIRD DIVISION

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Ross Co	9	3	0	2	11	9	3	1	0	10	6	19	+6
2 Alloa	8	3	0	0	9	1	3	0	2	9	6	18	+11
3 Arbroath	8	3	1	0	9	3	2	0	2	8	7	16	+7
4 Queen's Pk	9	3	2	0	10	4	1	1	2	2	3	16	+5
5 East Stirling	8	4	0	1	11	6	1	0	2	3	5	15	+3
6 Albion	8	3	0	0	8	3	2	0	3	10	15	15	-2
7 Berwick	8	2	0	3	10	12	0	1	2	1	4	7	-5
8 Dumbarton	8	0	2	1	2	3	1	0	4	8	12	7	-5
9 Montrose	8	1	0	3	6	9	0	2	2	5	12	5	-10
10 Cowdnbth	8	1	0	3	2	7	0	0	4	1	6	3	-10

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

READING (2) 3 CREWE (3) 3
Asaba 35, 60; Westwood 43 (og) — Westwood 13; Little 20; Adebola 31
6,685

STOCKPORT (0) 3 OXFORD UTD (0) 2
Angell 47; Dinning 71; Armstrong 75 — Purse 84; Aldridge 88
7,333

SWINDON (2) 3 BURY (1) 1
Hay 4, 15; Gooden 79 — Battersby 41
7,640

Yesterday

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 WOLVRHMPTN (0) 0
Marsden 8
17,822

STOKE (2) 2 PORT VALE (1) 1
Forsyth 5; Keen 34 — Naylor 21
20,125

SECOND DIVISION

BURNLEY (1) 3 CARLISLE (0) 1
Barnes 18; Creaney 67, 71 — Couzens 82
10,687

CHESTRFLD (1) 2 WIGAN (1) 3
Lormor 11 (pen); Wilkinson 57 — O'Connell 13; Greenall 62; Lowe 67
4,673

FULHAM (1) 1 BLACKPOOL (0) 0
Conroy 35
7,760

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 WYCOMBE (0) 0
Akinbiyi 78
5,545

GRIMSBY (1) 1 NORTHMPTN (0) 0
Donovan 44
4,778

LUTON (1) 3 PLYMOUTH (0) 0
Thorpe 36, 58; Davies 82
4,931
Sent off: M Spring (Luton) 71

MILLWALL (0) 2 OLDHAM (1) 1
Law 58; Black 66 — Hodgson 25
7,906

PRESTON (0) 0 BOURNEMTH (0) 1
8,531 — Warren 72

SOUTHEND (0) 0 BRISTOL CITY (1) 2
3,273 — Bell 34; Hails 56 (og)

WALSALL (2) 3 WREXHAM (0) 0
Boli 16; Hodge 19 (pen); Watson 82
4,042
Sent off: R Boli (Walsall) 70

YORK (1) 3 BRENTFORD (0) 1
Stephenson 17; Tinkler 51; Murty 66 — Taylor 75
2,831

THIRD DIVISION

CHESTER (1) 2 BRIGHTON (0) 0
Bennett 39, 50
2,402
Sent off: I Baird (Brighton) 89

DONCASTER (1) 2 HARTLPOOL (0) 2
Moncrieffe 19, 53 — Cullen 83; Lucas 89
1,526

EXETER (1) 1 SWANSEA (0) 0
Birch 32
3,909

HULL (2) 3 SCARBORO (0) 0
Peacock 7; Rocastle 20; Quigley 65
5,315

L ORIENT (0) 1 ROTHERHAM (0) 1
Griffiths 90 — White 51
3,652

LINCOLN (0) 1 TORQUAY (1) 1
Fleming 49 — Watson 12
2,462

MANSFIELD (2) 3 CAMBRIDGE U (1) 2
Christie 11; Whitehall 17, 62 — Finney 35; Wanless 77
2,229

NOTTS CO (1) 1 MACCLSFLD (0) 1
Richardson 42 — Wood 74
4,871

PETERBORO (0) 3 COLCHESTER (1) 2
Carruthers 54; Houghton 60; Quinn 77 — Rankin 32; Adcock 82
6,277

ROCHDALE (2) 5 DARLINGTON (0) 0
Painter 4 (pen), 71; Lancashire 10, 89; Russell 85
2,134

SHRWSBURY (1) 2 BARNET (0) 0
Steele 29; Scott 76
2,112
Sent off: W Manuel (Barnet) 86

OVERSEAS

WORLD CUP

Asia zone: Second round

GROUP A: Saudi Arabia 1 Qatar 0 (in Dubai)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Iran	4	2	2	0	9	4	8
Saudi Arabia	4	2	1	1	4	3	7
China	4	2	1	1	6	6	7
Kuwait	4	1	1	2	5	5	4
Qatar	4	0	1	3	1	7	1

Group B: Kazakhstan 1 South Korea 1 (in Almaty); Uzbekistan 1 Japan 1 (in Tashkent)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	5	4	1	0	11	3	13
UAE	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Japan	5	1	3	1	9	7	6
Kazakhstan	5	0	3	2	3	10	3
Uzbekistan	5	0	2	3	8	13	2

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: European Under-21 championship: Qualifying group one: Slovenia 1 Croatia 2 (at Velenje). Group three: Switzerland 0 France 0 (at St Gallen). Group eight: Macedonia 2 Lithuania 1 (at Volos)

Friday's late results

WORLD CUP: Asian qualifying zone: Second round: Group A: Kuwait 1 China 2

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying group one: Greece 2 Denmark 3. Group two: Italy 0 England 1. Group three: Finland 3 Hungary 1. Group four: Austria 2 Belarus 0. Sweden 5 Estonia 0. Group five: Russia 3 Bulgaria 2: Malta 0 Yugoslavia 6. Group seven: Belgium 1 Wales 0; Holland 3 Turkey 0. Group eight: Ireland 0 Romania 2. Group nine: Armenia 0 Ukraine 1. Germany 2 Albania 0

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

THIRD DIVISION

ROSS CO (0) 2 QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1
Herd 46; Adams 77 (pen) — Mercer 9
1,039

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

FARNBOROUGH (0) 0 MORECAMBE (1) 2
589 — Norman 1, 85

GATESHEAD (0) 0 LEEK (0) 2
539 — McAuley 59; Cunningham 67

HAYES (0) 1 STALYBRIDGE (1) 2
Duncan 80 — Trundle 18; Hine 56
691

NORTHWICH (1) 1 HEDNESFORD (1) 1
Tait 40 — Dennison 26
921

RUSHDEN & D (1) 1 HEREFORD (0) 0
Collins 43
2,728

SOUTHPORT (0) 1 KIDDRMNSTR (0) 2
Deary 49 — Doherty 47 (pen); Deakin 82
1,200

STEVENAGE (0) 0 WOKING (0) 0
3,254

	P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Halifax	10	5	0	0	15	3	3	2	0	8	3	26
2 Morecambe	11	3	2	1	13	10	5	0	0	14	1	26
3 Hednesford	13	5	2	0	10	3	2	2	2	9	12	25
4 Cheltenham	12	4	2	0	12	7	3	1	2	10	9	24
5 Hayes	13	3	1	3	12	9	3	1	2	11	6	20
6 Southport	12	3	1	2	12	8	3	1	2	10	7	20
7 Woking	13	3	2	1	9	5	2	3	2	8	8	20
8 Hereford	13	3	1	2	11	9	2	3	2	7	7	19
9 Stevenage	13	2	3	2	9	10	2	2	2	8	6	17
10 Rushden & D	12	3	2	1	12	10	3	0	4	6	11	17
11 Slough	11	1	1	3	8	9	3	2	1	10	7	15
12 Kiddrmnstr	13	2	2	2	7	7	2	1	4	8	10	15
13 Welling	11	2	2	2	9	11	2	0	3	7	10	14
14 Dover	11	2	1	2	6	8	2	1	3	9	12	14
15 Stalybridge	11	3	1	2	13	10	1	0	4	2	7	13
16 Northwich	12	1	4	0	5	4	1	3	3	8	12	13
17 Farnborough	13	3	0	4	7	10	1	1	4	8	15	13
18 Yeovil	9	3	0	2	7	5	1	0	3	6	8	12
19 Telford	11	1	2	2	5	8	1	2	3	6	11	10
20 Leek	13	1	2	3	5	7	1	2	4	7	14	10
21 Gateshead	11	1	1	4	7	12	0	3	2	9	15	7
22 Kettering	10	0	1	4	5	10	0	3	2	4	8	4

Tony Cascarino, right, celebrates his goal against Romania that earned Ireland a place in the play-offs

NON-LEAGUE

UNIBOND

PREMIER DIVISION: Altrincham 3 Colwyn Bay 0; Barrow 2 Frickley 1; Bishop Auckland 2 Accrington Stanley 2; Boston 0 Runcorn 3; Lancaster 0 Radcliffe 1; Spennymoor 0 Bamber Bridge 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barrow	13	7	4	2	23	11	25
Boston Utd	14	6	6	2	20	14	24
Winsford Utd	8	6	1	1	13	5	19
Spennymr	11	5	3	3	15	15	18
Colwyn Bay	13	5	3	5	19	22	18
Altrnchm	12	5	2	5	20	12	17
Gainsboro	9	5	2	2	17	10	17
Runcorn	11	5	2	4	18	15	17
Frickley	11	4	4	3	12	11	16
Guiseley	11	3	6	2	18	16	15
Hyde Utd	9	4	2	3	14	10	14
Emley	10	4	2	4	19	17	14
Bishop Auck	10	3	5	2	14	15	14
Lancaster	11	4	2	5	21	24	14
Leigh RMI	9	3	4	2	9	6	13
Accrington S	13	3	4	6	14	20	13
Marine	9	3	3	3	11	11	12
Radcliffe B	12	3	3	6	15	22	12
Bamber Bridge	10	3	2	5	18	20	11
Blyth Spartans	11	2	4	5	9	13	10
Chorley	10	1	3	6	12	25	6
Alfreton Town	11	1	1	9	7	24	4

FIRST DIVISION: Ashton 4 Netherfield 1; Congleton 1 Farsley Celtic 3; Droylsden 1 Flixton 2; Eastwood Town 1 Witton 1; Stocksbridge PS 0 Bradford P A 1, Trafford 2 Harrogate Town 4; Whitby 3 Whitley Bay 2. Postponed: Great Harwood v Buxton. Cup: First-round replays: Alfreton 1 Matlock Town 3; Leigh 3 Workington 1.

DR MARTENS

PREMIER DIVISION: Bath 2 Crawley 1; Cambridge City 1 Atherstone 2; Forest Green 1 Burton 3; Gresley 5 Rothwell 2; Hastings 0 Merthyr 1; Tamworth 4 Ashford 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forest Green	11	8	2	1	29	14	26
Merthyr	11	7	2	2	21	11	23
Crawley Town	12	7	2	3	25	19	23
Bath	11	5	5	1	22	16	20
Bromsgrve	10	6	0	4	26	15	18
Dorchester	10	5	3	2	14	6	18
Atherstone	11	5	3	3	17	15	18
Nuneaton	9	5	2	2	30	13	17
Halesowen	11	4	4	3	14	7	16
Kings Lynn	10	4	4	2	14	14	16
Worcester City	10	5	1	4	13	13	16
Gloucester City	9	4	2	3	11	8	14
Burton Albion	11	4	2	5	13	13	14
Rothwell Town	11	3	5	3	19	26	14
Hastings	11	3	4	4	20	19	13
Salisbury	10	4	1	5	15	21	13
Tamworth	10	2	3	5	20	21	9
Camb City	11	2	3	6	14	22	9
Gresley Rovers	10	2	2	6	14	29	8
Sittingbourne	10	2	1	7	11	18	7
Ashford Town	11	2	0	9	8	26	6
St Leonards	10	0	1	9	7	31	1

MIDLAND DIVISION: Bedworth 0 Raunds 2, Blakenall 2 Bilston 1; Brackley 1 Evesham 1; Moor Green 3 Wisbech 2; Paget 3 Stafford 1; R C Warwick 5 Sutton Coldfield Town 1; Shepshed Dynamo 0 Grantham 2. Southern division: Fareham 7 Cinderford 0, Fleet 2 Baldock 1; Newport AFC 5 Trowbridge 1; Weston-super-Mare 1 Weymouth 2. Yate 1 Havant 1. Postponed: Newport (IoW) v Clevedon.

ISTHMIAN

PREMIER DIVISION: Aylesbury 2 Boreham Wood 2, Bishop's Stortford 1 Harrow 2; Dulwich 1 Hendon 2; Oxford City 2 Hitchin 2. Purfleet 2 Gravesend and Northfleet 0; Walton and Hersham 3 Enfield 1; Chesham 2 Bromley 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dag and Red	13	9	3	1	21	10	30
Sutton Utd	10	8	0	2	27	11	24
Harrow B	11	7	0	4	16	14	21
Kingstonian	11	5	5	1	21	11	20
Boreham W	13	5	4	4	27	17	19
Heybridge	10	6	1	3	22	14	19
Purfleet	10	5	4	1	12	11	19
Enfield	13	5	3	5	18	18	18
St Albans	10	5	2	3	14	11	17
Hendon	13	4	4	5	15	19	16
Yeading	10	4	3	3	12	10	15
Bromley	13	4	3	6	19	20	15
Dulwich	12	3	5	4	21	17	14
Chesham	13	4	2	7	22	20	14
Carshalton	11	3	4	4	19	23	13
Bishop's S	13	4	1	8	16	24	13
Walton and H	12	4	1	7	13	22	13
Aylesbury	12	4	1	7	11	24	13
Basingstoke	11	3	3	5	11	21	12
Gravesend & N	11	3	2	6	22	22	11
Hitchin	12	3	2	7	10	14	11
Oxford City	12	2	3	7	11	27	9

FIRST DIVISION: Chertsey 1 Abingdon Town 1; Grays 2 Berkhamsted 0; Leatherhead 2 Maidenhead United 1; Wembley 1 Worthing 3; Whyteleafe 0 Aldershot Town 4, Wokingham 3 Hampton 4. Second division: Bedford Town 3 Windsor and Eton 0, Chalfont St Peter 5 Bracknell 5. Cheshunt 2 Hungerford 3; Egham 2 Northwood 0; Horsham 3 Witham 1. Wealdstone 1 Canvey Island 1; Marlow 1 Edgware 3. Third division: Aveley 0 Ware 1. Corinthian Casuals 2 Hertford 4; Croydon 7 Dorking 1; East Thurrock 1 Kingsbury 2. Harlow 1 Ford 3. Hornchurch 2 Hemel Hempstead 4; Lewes 2 Southall 2: Tring 0 Clapton 1

FA CUP

THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND: Gainsborough 3 South Shields 2; Halifax 5 Ossett Town 0, Chorley 1 Ilkeston 3; Winsford 1 Arnold 1; Hyde 8 Ryhope C A 0, Emley 2 Belper Town 1, North Ferriby 2 Gretna 0; Blyth Spartans 4 Worksop 0; Marine 1 Lincoln 1: Guiseley 1 Penrith 2; Nuneaton 4 Stourbridge 1, Kettering 0 Hinckley 1; Bromsgrove 2 Rocester 1; Knypersley 3 Spalding 1, Halesowen Town 2 Redditch 2, Kings Lynn 4 V S Rugby 3, Heybridge Swifts 4 Flackwell Heath 0; Bognor Regis 1 Croydon 1; Sittingbourne 2 Langney Sports 1, Sutton 5 Tonbridge 1 Slough 6 Tilbury 1; Kingstonian 1 Wivenhoe 0; Braintree 4 Barton 1, Margate 2 Deal 1; Yeading 0 Romford 2; Carshalton 1 Fisher 0; Billericay 4 Erith and Belvedere 1, Cheltenham 5 Paulton 0; Yeovil 4 Chippenham 0; Dorchester 0 Tiverton 1; Basingstoke 0 Calne 0; Salisbury 3 Taunton 0; Gloucester 2 Waterlooville 0; Solihull 6 Woodbridge 0; St Leonards Stamcroft 1 Camberley 3

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Basildon 3 Eton Manor 2, Brentwood 0 Burnham Ramblers 1, East Ham 1 Stansted 3, Saffron Walden 3 Hullbridge Sports 2: Sawbridgeworth 1 Bowers 4, Southend Manor 1 Ilford 1

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedfont 1 Farnham 2, Chipstead 1 Chessington and Hook 1: Cobham 1 Westfield 1; Merstham 2 Walton Casuals 0: Raynes Park Vale 2 Feltham 1; Reading 3 Godalming and Guildford 0; Cranleigh 1 Sandhurst 1

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury 0 Beckenham 3, Greenwich 3 Folkestone Invicta 2, Hythe 2 Erith 0; Swanley Furness 0 Herne Bay 4.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Ringmer 4 Portfield 2; Saltdean 3 Horsham Y M C A 1; Selsey 2 Eastbourne Town 0; Whitehawk 1 Burgess Hill 4; Wick 3 Redhill 2. Postponed: Arundel v Shoreham; Hassocks v Pagham

COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Almondsbury 1 Wantage 0; Banbury 3 Abingdon 1; Burnham 1 Endsleigh 2; Didcot 1 Carterton 1. Fairford 2 Hallen 1, Harrow Hill 3 Kintbury 1; Highworth 4 Shortwood 1; North Leigh 1 Swindon Supermarine 2, Tuffley 4 Bicester 3.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton 0 Histon 3; Diss 3 Tiptree 0; Ely 2 Lowestoft 3; Gorleston 2 Sudbury Wanderers 4, Harwich and Parkeston 3 Watton 0; Newmarket 0 Great Yarmouth 0; Soham 2 Felixstowe Port and 1; Stowmarket 2 Halstead 3; Sudbury 0 Bury Town 0.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Lymington 4 B.A.T. 0; AFC Newbury 0 Wimborne 4; Totton 2 Downton 2. Aerostructures 0 Whitchurch 0; Brockenhurst 0 Romsey 0, Cowes Sports 3 Christchurch 0; East Cowes 0 Andover 4; Eastleigh 1 Bemerton Heath Harl 1; Ryde Sports 1 Thatcham 2.

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne 1 S and L Corby 2; Buckingham 1 Kempston 0; Cogenhoe 1 Long Buckby 1: N Spencer 2 Ford Sports 1; W'Borough 0 Potton 1. Wootton 0 Desborough 0. Postponed: Stotfold v Stamford.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Bustleholme 1 Ettingshall 2, Kington 3 Tividale 0; Ludlow 2 Wolverhampton Casuals 1, Lye 4 Darlaston 1: Stourport 2 Gornal 0; Westfields 4 Brierley Hill 0; Wolverhampton 0 Bloxwich 4. Postponed: Cradley v Malvern.

INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Barwell 2 Pershore T 1; Kings Norton 6 Halesowen H 2, Pelsall V 0 Bloxwich Town 1; Rushall O 1 Boldmere St M 1; Sandwell 1 Shifnal T 0; Stapenhill 1 Wednesfield 1, Stratford T 1 Bridgnorth 5; Willenhall 1 Chasetown 1.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Bolehill Swifts 2 G P T (Coventry) 1; Cheslyn Hay 2 Coventry Sphinx 4; Continental Star 1 Worcester 1: Dudley Sports 1 Kings Heath 2; Handrahan Timbers 1 Coleshill 4. Postponed: Alvechurch v David Lloyd A F C.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Backwell 0 Bideford 2; Bridport 0 Melksham 1, Bristol Manor Farm 0 Bridgwater 4; Chard 1 Keynsham 0; Odd Down 2 Barnstaple 1; Torrington 1 Brislington 3

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS: Premier division north: Brache Sparta 2 Potters Bar 9. O'Brien Butchers Premier division Cup: Amersham 1 Buckingham Athletic 2; Beaconsfield 0 Milton Keynes 2; St Margaretsbury 4 Bedford 0; Waltham Abbey 2 Biggleswade 0; Barkingside 1 Royston 1. Brimsdown 1 Letchworth 2; Harpenden 3 Ruislip Manor 1: Cockfosters 2 Toddington 1: London Colney 2 Hillingdon 1; Hoddesdon 3 Harwell 1; Welwyn Garden 1 Brook House 4; Arlesey 1 Harefield 1; Langford 1 Haringey 1; Islington St Marys 2 Woodford 3.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 2 Haslingden 1; Blackpool Rovers 2 Mossley 1; Chadderton 0 Vauxhall G M 2. Glossop North End 0 Clitheroe 2; Holker Old Boys 1 Atherton Collieries 4, Nantwich 0 Burscough 1; Rossendale 0 Newcastle Town 2; St Helens 3 Warrington 2: Salford 2 Ramsbottom 1

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 0 Thackley 1; Curzon Ashton 1 Denaby 1; Eccleshill 1 Hallam 2, Glasshoughton Welfare 2 Hucknall 4, Hatfield Main 3 Maltby MW 4; Liversedge 1 Selby 0, Pickering 0 Pontefract Col 2; Sheffield 0 Ossett Albion 2

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Liverpool 1 Leeds 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES: First division: Charlton 6 Watford 2; Crystal Palace 1 Fulham 3, Gillingham 2 West Ham 5, Leyton Orient 2 Tottenham Hotspur 1; Millwall 1 Ipswich 1, Portsmouth 5 Arsenal 1; Queens Park Rangers 2 Cambridge 2. Southend 2 Norwich 2. Second division: Barnet 1 Bournemouth 0; Brentford 2 Reading 2; Brighton 1 Colchester 3, Oxford 4 Bristol Rovers 2; Southampton 2 Luton 3; Swindon 1 Wycombe 0; Tottenham 2 Wimbledon 0

FA PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: Barnsley 2 Wimbledon 1, Derby 3 Tottenham Hotspur 4; Leeds 3 Chelsea 3. Middlesbrough 3 West Ham 1

OLD BOYS'S LEAGUE: Premier division: C Manning O B 0 Old Ignatians 2; Enfield O G 0 Old Hamptonians 1; Latymer O B 0 Old Suttonians 0, Old Aloysians 7 Glyn O B 3; Old Tenisonians 4 Old Meadonians 1.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Polytechnic 1 Old Parmiterians 1, East Barnet OG 1 Crouch End Vampires 0; South Bank Poly 0 Civil Service 0: Old Parkonians 1 Old Lyonians 1: Old Latymerians 2 Old Salesians 3, Alexandra Park 1 Old Esthameians 0; Winchmore Hill 1 Old Owens 6, Nat West Bank 0 Cuaco 0; Old Bromleians 1 Bank of England 3; Alleyn OB 4 Merton 3; Kew Association 3 Old Westminster Cz. 1, Old Stationers 2 Southgate Olympic 1, Brentham 0 Ibis 0

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carthusians 3 Haberdashers' 1; Cholmeleians 1 Etonians 3; Foresters v Brentwoods; Lancing 4 Chigwellians 1

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior One: Old Finchleians 1 Witan 1; St Marys College 1 Hale End 2, Ulysses 0 H A C 1.

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National division: Everton 2 Doncaster 1; Liverpool 0 Croydon 3; Millwall 7 Tranmere Rovers 3; Wembley 0 Bradford 7

FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern division: Aston Villa 2 Huddersfield 3; Bloxwich 0 Coventry 0; Blyth Spartans 3 Wolverhampton 1 Ilkeston 4 Arnold 0; Sheffield Wednesday 1 Garswood St Helens 2. Southern division: Ipswich 1 Southampton Saints 1, Rushden and Diamonds 1 Langford 11; Three Bridges 0 Brighton and Hove 3; Wimbledon 6 Leyton Orient 1

NATIONAL

LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 2 Total Network Solutions 2, Bangor City 3 Rhayader Town 1. Barry 3 Porthmadog 0. Caernarfon 1 Inter Cable-Tel 3. Caersws 1 Rhyl 2: Carmarthen Town 1 Welshpool 1; Cemaes Ynys Mon 0 Newtown 1: Connah's Quay 5 Haverfordwest 2; Cwmbran 4 Flint Town 3; Ebbw Vale 4 Conwy 3

PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Cove 4 Brora 2: Deveronvale 3 Fraserburgh 1, Fort William 0 Keith 8.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Ballymena 3 Ards 1; Cliftonville 3 Portadown 1; Coleraine 4 Omagh 3; Crusaders 0 Glentoran 2; Glenavon 2 Linfield 3

FAI HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Sligo 3 St Patrick's Ath 4; Bohemians 1 Drogheda 1; Finn Harps 2 Cork 1; UCD 2 Shelbourne 1.

GUIDE TO WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket match

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley v Boston. Cup: First-round replay: Flixton v Ashton United

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Watford (at Lewes FC, 2.0)

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Manchester United v Nottingham Forest (7.0); Preston v Derby (7.0). Second division: Lincoln v Carlisle (7.0). Third division: Chesterfield v Newcastle (7.0)

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Pontefract Cols v Thackley

FAI NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-final: Dundalk v Cork (7.45)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Ayr (2.20), Leicester (2.0), Newton Abbot (2.10)

SPEEDWAY: Young Shield: First round, second leg: Exeter (44) v Newcastle (46) (7.30). Isle of Wight (30) v Reading (60) (7.15)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA CUP: Third round: Arsenal v Birmingham (7.45); Barnsley v Southampton (7.45). Bolton v Wimbledon (8.0). Grimsby v Leicester (7.45). Ipswich v Manchester United (7.45). Oxford United v Tranmere (7.45); Reading v Wolverhampton (7.45). Walsall v Sheffield United (7.45)

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield v Charlton (7.45). Second division: Bristol Rovers v Watford (7.45)

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final: Dunfermline v Celtic (at Ibrox Park, 7.45)

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bath v Oxford University (7.15): Cambridge University v Northampton (7.15)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Ayr (2.20), Leicester (2.0): Sedgefield (2.10)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA CUP: Third round: Chelsea v Blackburn (7.45), Coventry v Everton (7.45); Middlesbrough v Sunderland (7.45), Newcastle v Hull (7.45). Stoke v Leeds (7.45). Tottenham Hotspur v Derby (7.45). * West Bromwich v Liverpool (7.45); West Ham v Aston Villa (7.45)

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final: Aberdeen v Dundee United (at Tynecastle, 7.45)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Thames Valley Tigers v Manchester Giants (8.0). National Cup: Plymouth v London Towers (7.30)

RACING: Haydock Park (2.0): Nottingham (2.10), Wetherby (2.20).

SPEEDWAY: Scott Trophy International: England v United States (at Poole, 7.30). Young Shield: Semi-final: Long Eaton v Edinburgh (7.45, Provisional), Oceanic Classic (at Hull, 7.30)

TENNIS: LTA women's challenger tournament (at Southampton)

THURSDAY

GOLF: Alfred Dunhill Cup (at St Andrews)

RACING: Newmarket (1.30). Catterick (2.10): Taunton (1.45)

TENNIS: LTA women's challenger tournament (at Southampton).

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Bristol City v York (7.45), Carlisle v Preston (7.45)

RUGBY UNION

SRU INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: Scottish Borders v Caledonia (at Riverside, Jedburgh, 7.0)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Manchester Giants v Crystal Palace (7.30): Worthing Bears v London Leopards (8.0)

GOLF: Alfred Dunhill Cup (at St Andrews)

ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Quarter-final, first leg: Sheffield Steelers v Cardiff Devils (7.30).

RACING: Newmarket (1.30): Catterick (2.10); Hereford (1.45)

SPEEDWAY: Young Shield: Semi-final: Edinburgh v Long Eaton or Arena Essex (7.30). Amateur League: Oxford v Ipswich and King's Lynn (7.30).

TENNIS: LTA women's challenger tournament (at Southampton)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa v Wimbledon, Blackburn v Southampton, Chelsea v Leicester. * Crystal Palace v Arsenal: Derby v Manchester United; Everton v Liverpool, Leeds v Newcastle, West Ham v Bolton

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Bury v Birmingham, * Crewe v Middlesbrough, Manchester City v Reading, Norwich v Stockport; Nottingham Forest v Tranmere, Oxford United v Ipswich; Port Vale v Bradford, Portsmouth v West Bromwich; Sheffield United v Queens Park Rangers, Sunderland v Huddersfield, Wolverhampton v Swindon. Second division: Blackpool v Grimsby; Bournemouth v Fulham, Brentford v Walsall; Northampton v Gillingham; Oldham v Chesterfield; Plymouth v Southend, Watford v Millwall; Wigan v Luton, Wrexham v Burnley; Wycombe v Bristol Rovers. Third division: Barnet v Hull; Brighton v Exeter; Cambridge United v Rochdale; Colchester v Shrewsbury; Darlington v Doncaster; Hartlepool v Leyton Orient; Macclesfield v Mansfield, Rotherham v Cardiff, Scarborough v Peterborough; Scunthorpe v Lincoln; Swansea v Notts County; Torquay v Chester

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dover v Stalybridge; Gateshead v Cheltenham; Halifax v Stevenage; Hednesford v Welling; Hereford v Southport; Kettering v Hayes, Kidderminster v Rushden and Diamonds, Slough v Morecambe, Telford v Farnborough; Woking v Leek, Yeovil v Northwich

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen v Hibernian; Dundee United v Motherwell, Hearts v Celtic, Kilmarnock v St Johnstone; Rangers v Dunfermline. First division: Airdrie v Hamilton, Falkirk v Greenock Morton; Raith v Partick, St Mirren v Ayr; Stirling v Dundee. Second division: Brechin v East Fife; Inverness CT v Clydebank; Livingston v Forfar, Queen of South v Clyde, Stranraer v Stenhousemuir. Third division: Albion v East Stirling; Alloa v Queen's Park; Cowdenbeath v Arbroath; Dumbarton v Ross County, Montrose v Berwick

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division: Bath v Bristol. Northampton v Leicester. Richmond v Harlequins (2.15). Sale v Newcastle. Second division: Bedford v West Hartlepool. Blackheath v Moseley; Exeter v London Scottish; Orrell v Coventry; Rotherham v Waterloo; Wakefield v Fylde

JEWSON NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Harrogate v Worcester; Leeds v Nottingham; London Welsh v Rugby (2.45). Morley v Reading; Otley v Newbury; Rosslyn Park v Lydney; Wharfedale v Liverpool St Helens. Second division north: Hinckley v Sheffield; Lichfield v Sandal; Nuneaton v Aspatria; Preston Grasshoppers v Manchester; Sedgley Park v Kendal; Stourbridge v Birmingham/Solihull; Winnington Park v Walsall. Second division south: Bridgwater v Clifton; Cheltenham v Plymouth; Esher v Met Police, Henley v Barking; North Walsham v Havant; Redruth v Camberley; Weston-super-Mare v Tabard

WELSH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgend v Cardiff (2.0); Ebbw Vale v Newport (2.0). Pontypridd v Llanelli (6.0), Swansea v Neath (2.0). First division: Blackwood v Dunvant (2.0). Bonymaen v Merthyr (2.0). Caerphilly v Aberavon (2.0); Cross Keys v Cardiff Institute (2.0); Llandovery v Newbridge (2.30). Pontypool v Maesteg (2.0). Rumney v Treorchy (2.0); South Wales Police v Abertillery (2.0)

SRU LEAGUE TROPHY: Group A: Gala v Edinburgh Acads; Glasgow Hawks v Musselburgh, Heriot's FP v Melrose, Kirkcaldy v Currie, Preston Lodge v Hawick. Group B: Biggar v Jed-Forest, Kelso v Watsonians; Kilmarnock v Stirling County, Peebles v Dundee HSFP, West of Scotland v Boroughmuir. Group C: Glenrothes v Aberdeen GSFP; Grangemouth v Gordonians. Group D: Glasgow Southern v Selkirk, Stewartry v Hillhead/Jordanhill

RUGBY LEAGUE

WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Brisbane Broncos v Hunter Mariners (in Auckland)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Derby Storm v Thames Valley Tigers (7.30); Newcastle Eagles v Worthing Bears (7.30); Watford Royals v Chester Jets (7.30).

GOLF: Alfred Dunhill Cup (at St Andrews).

ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Quarter-finals, second leg: Nottingham Panthers v Ayr Scottish Eagles (6.30); Manchester Storm v Bracknell Bees (7.0); Cardiff Devils v Sheffield Steelers (6.30), Basingstoke Bison v Newcastle Cobras (6.30)

RACING: Newmarket (1.40), Redcar (2.15), Wolverhampton (AW, 7.00); Kelso (2.0); Kempton Park (2.20); Stratford (2.30)

SPEEDWAY: Individual: Pride of the East (at King's Lynn, 7.30), Karl Fiala Memorial Trophy (at Berwick, 6.30). Young Shield: Semi-final: Arena Essex v Edinburgh (8.0, Provisional)

TENNIS: LTA women's challenger tournament (at Southampton)

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Tottenham Hotspur v Sheffield Wednesday (4.0)

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Charlton v Stoke (1.0)

RUGBY UNION

ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division: Gloucester v London Irish (2.15). Wasps v Saracens (3.0)

SRU INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: Glasgow v Edinburgh (at Scotstoun, Glasgow).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Chester Jets v London Leopards (5.30). Crystal Palace v Watford Royals (6.0); Sheffield Sharks v Leicester Riders (6.30).

GOLF: Alfred Dunhill Cup (at St Andrews)

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Newcastle Cobras v Sheffield Steelers (6.30). Manchester Storm v Ayr Scottish Eagles (6.0), Bracknell Bees v Basingstoke Bison (6.3)

SPEEDWAY: International: England v Australia (at Eastbourne, 3.30).

TENNIS: LTA women's challenger tournament (at Southampton).

POOLS CHECK

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FORECAST: Half-time: No claims required — winnings sent automatically — forecasts low, two score draws and 15 no-score draws. Full-time. Claims required for 24pts, forecast is very good: eight score draws and three no-score draws

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Irvine sacrifices maiden victory to put Italian team in sight of first drivers' title for 18 years

Schumacher pushes Ferrari to the brink

From Michael Calvin
in Suzuka

WHEN the credits rolled on the latest instalment of sport's most lavish soap opera yesterday afternoon, Michael Schumacher was poised to become Ferrari's first world champion for a generation. The script for the Japanese Grand Prix matched nobility with stupidity and complemented low cunning with high ideals.

Victory nominally leaves Schumacher a point behind Jacques Villeneuve entering the final race in Jeréz on October 26, but anyone who believes that the Canadian will keep the two points he won by finishing fifth at Suzuka is suffering from severe delusions. The FIA, motor sport's global governing body, has never before tolerated the type of appeal that allowed Villeneuve to race *under protest in* Japan and is likely to impose a swingeing fine, when it meets in Paris later this week, to deter any challenge to its authority.

Formula One prides itself on its ability to exaggerate the emotions, its capacity to employ millionaire drivers in a rough-and-ready morality play that caters for television's millions in a digitalised age. Jeréz and a direct head-to-head between the contrasting characters of Schumacher and Villeneuve is the stuff of a marketing executive's fantasy.

Schumacher has two hands in the air and one on the championship after winning in Suzuka. Photograph: Clive Mason / Allsport

It was set up perfectly yesterday by what Schumacher regarded as the most satisfying of his 27 wins. It enshrined the rare selflessness of Eddie Irvine, who sacrificed the first victory of his career for his *Ferrari team-mate, and the* all-too-familiar failings of Villeneuve, who has cause to rue his status as the sport's *enfant terrible*.

There was a poignant futility about his efforts from the moment, on Saturday morning, that he ignored a yellow flag, *warning* of a stricken Tyrrell parked on the grass alongside the main straight. It was his fourth such offence of the season and though an appeal against disqualification enabled him to take pole position, he looked nervous and ill-at-ease.

The start was a study in the limitations of aggression. Villeneuve threw his Williams-Renault to his right, to block Schumacher, and then veered *sharply* left in response to the German's secondary attempt to have a free run at the first corner. As Irvine told his colleague, with a gentle chuckle: "He tried to put you in the grandstand."

Schumacher was not exactly sanguine — "it was not the correct thing to do and could have been *very dangerous" — but he had* conditioned himself to guerilla tactics. He and Irvine had planned their strategy in the morning, when the Irishman pledged to put to collective use the experience gained during three years of racing in Formula 3000 in Japan.

Irvine made his initial move on the second lap, overtaking Mika Hakkinen and Schumacher on the outside. A lap later, he passed Villeneuve under braking on entry to the final chicane. He was soon more than 12 seconds in the lead, as the Canadian gambled by slowing deliberately, to expose Schumacher to the chasing pack.

The threat was more subtle, but no less deadly. Villeneuve brake-tested his rival twice and veered on the edge of acceptable conduct *when he emerged from his pit stop* at the end of the twentieth lap. Schumacher, accelerating to 190mph towards the end of the main straight, suddenly found the Williams in his path.

"It was quite criticial, because *Jacques* came across the road and tried to close the door," Schumacher said. "There could have been a severe accident, but I *managed to dive inside him.*"

The race was effectively over as a contest from that moment, which left Villeneuve vulnerable to brilliantly-executed Ferrari teamwork. He had problems with his fuel supply during his second pitstop and fell to fifth, where he was consumed by the cumulative frustrations of a traumatic weekend.

Irvine, to use his own expression, was "*waiting for the phone to ring*" so that he could allow Schumacher to take the lead. It was a strangely symbolic gesture, an eloquent answer to those critics who had been agitating for his replacement by Gerhard Berger, who is surplus to Benetton's *requirements*.

Villeneuve, however, was singularly unimpressed. "I find it difficult to accept that a driver can give *up his first victory, but if he's ready* to do that, fine," he said. "It was frustrating to race anyway, knowing that there was a good chance of *being disqualified.*"

Schumacher, as expected, was rather more enthusiastic. "It is thanks to him that I have this victory," he said. "I have always said he is a great driver and a great team-mate. He threw away a *chance of winning and I'm grateful.*" Irvine, who at least had the grace to appear embarrassed by his largesse, argued: "It's fair to support Michael. I'm sure he'll return the favour."

Schumacher eventually won with *relative* ease. His cushion over the persistent Heinz-Harald Frentzen, whose second place earned Williams the consolation *prize* of the constructors' championship, was reduced to 1.4sec only by the unwelcome attentions of twelfth-placed Damon Hill, who *blocked him several times on the* penultimate lap.

Hill was amused by his impact, claiming, with a wide smile: "I was trying to make room for him, but he didn't want to go for it." Schumacher, predictably, had a sense-*of-humour* failure. "*I'm* going to see him," he promised. "If he thinks he was leaving me room, he needs to check on the size of a Formula One car."

Nobody at Ferrari needs to check on their last world champion, Jody Scheckter in 1979. That is an eternity in Formula One terms, but the waiting may soon be over.

SUZUKA DETAILS

RESULT: 1, M Schumacher (Ger, Ferrari) 1hr 29min 48.446sec (av 129.633mph). 2, H-H Frentzen (Ger, Williams-Renault) at 1.378. 3, E Irvine (Ire, Ferrari) 26.384; 4, M Hakkinen (Fin, McLaren-Mercedes) 27.129; 5, J Villeneuve (Can, Williams-Renault) 39.776. 6, J Alesi (Fr, Benetton-Renault) 40.403; 7, J Herbert (GB, Sauber-Petronas) 41.630. 8, G Fisichella (It, Jordan-Peugeot) 56.825; 9, G Berger (Austria, Benetton-Renault) 1min 0.429sec; 10, R Schumacher (Ger, Jordan-Peugeot) 1:22.036. Did not finish: D Coulthard (GB, McLaren-Mercedes) 52 laps completed, D Hill (GB, Arrows-Yamaha) 52; P Diniz (Br, Arrows-Yamaha) 52, J Verstappen (Holl, Tyrrell-Ford) 52, T Marques (Br, Minardi-Hart) 46; M Salo (Fin, Tyrrell-Ford) 46; O Panis (Fr, Prost Mugen-Honda) 36; S Nakano (Japan, Prost Mugen-Honda) 22; U Katayama (Japan, Minardi-Hart) 8; R Barrichello (Br, Stewart-Ford) 6; J Magnussen (Den, Stewart-Ford) 3. Fastest lap: Frentzen 1min 38.942sec.

QUALIFYING: 1, Villeneuve 1min 36.071sec; 2, M Schumacher 1:36.133; 3, Irvine 1:36.466; 4, Hakkinen 1:36.469; 5, Berger 1:36.561; 6, Frentzen 1:36.628; 7, Alesi 1:36.682; 8, Herbert 1:36.906; 9, Fisichella 1:36.917; 10, Panis 1:37.073; 11, Coulthard 1:37.095; 12, Barrichello 1:37.343; 13, R Schumacher 1:37.443; 14, Magnussen 1:37.480; 15, Nakano 1:37.588; 16, Diniz 1:37.853; 17, Hill 1:38.022; 18, Morbidelli 1:38.556; 19, Katayama 1:38.983; 20, Marques 1:39.678; 21, Verstappen 1:40.259; 22, Salo 1:40.529

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: Drivers': 1, Villeneuve 79pts; 2, M Schumacher 78; 3, Frentzen 41; 4, Alesi 36; 5, Coulthard 30; 6, Berger 24; 7, Irvine 22; 8, Fisichella 20; 9, Hakkinen 17; 10, Panis 16; 11, Herbert 14; 12, R Schumacher 13; 13, Hill 7; 14, Barrichello 6; 15, A Wurz (Austria) 4; 16, J Trulli (It) 3; equal 17, Salo, Nakano and Diniz 2; 20, N Larini (It) 1. *Constructors'*: 1, Williams 120; 2, Ferrari 100; 3, Benetton 63; 4, McLaren 47; 5, Jordan 33; 6, Prost 21; 7, Sauber 15; 8, Arrows 9; 9, Stewart 6; 10, Tyrrell 2

☐ POSITIONS will remain provisional until the *International Automobile Federation's* court of appeals examines an appeal by Jacques Villeneuve against a disqualification imposed for violating yellow-flag rules in free practice on Saturday. The hearing is to be held in the next two weeks.

Head adds to fears of Villeneuve

From Michael Calvin

THE mutual suspicion that threatens to reduce the Formula One world championship to the lowest common denominator of personal abuse deepened last night, when the sportsmanship of Michael Schumacher was openly questioned by *Patrick Head, the* technical director of the Williams team.

Head broke a self-imposed silence to accuse Schumacher of deliberately running into Damon Hill at the 1994 Australian Grand Prix, which enabled the German to *claim the first of his two drivers'* titles. His apparent purpose, to raise the prospect of an identical incident at the final race of this season, *in Jeréz in 13 days, will* inevitably cause offence.

Schumacher was a single point ahead of Hill three years ago and Head accepts that a similar scenario is likely after the hearing this week into how Jacques Villeneuve, after his disqualification from the Japanese Grand Prix, was allowed to take part.

"The man who goes into the last race *in the lead is in a position* where he can be very aggressive with the person behind," he said. "I believe that happened to Damon in 1994. I believe that was a deliberate removal of a competitor. The man who goes into the last race with less points has to be very careful challenging for the lead."

Villeneuve added weight to the implication by adding: "If I am a *point behind, all Michael or Irvine* have to do is take me off and the championship is lost." That compelled Irvine to deny any malicious intent. "There's no way I'd have him off deliberately," he said, "but if he wants to be stupid in a 50-50 *situation. I won't give way.*"

The hype will intensify in the build-up to the European Grand Prix, where Villeneuve seems likely to paint himself as a victim of authority. "OK, Formula One is a business," he said, "but, as a driver, you are in it for the sport. When the stakes are so high, it can be difficult to accept."

BOXING: EUBANK DISCOVERS PUNCHING POWER OF OUTSTANDING WELSH SUPER-MIDDLEWEIGHT AS HAMED CRUISES TO EASY VICTORY OVER No 1 CONTENDER

Calzaghe offers credentials to be undisputed champion

Hamed: clear winner

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

BRITISH boxing has a new star — Joe Calzaghe, of Wales. The unbeaten 25-year-old, from Newbridge, Gwent, had always promised much but had never been able to convince experts that he could live up to his claim of being the best super-middleweight in the world.

However, after outpointing Chris Eubank and lifting the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) title on Saturday, he left his critics in no doubt that he is *potentially* capable of being the undisputed world champion, possibly the first from Great Britain since Lloyd Honeyghan beat Don Curry 11 years ago.

He showed that he had the stamina, heart, determination and chin to take him all the way to the top. His performance was so *impressive* that not only did it overshadow that of Naseem Hamed, who was heading the bill at Sheffield Arena, defending his WBO featherweight championship against José Badillo, of Puerto Rico, but, immediately after Calzaghe's bout, Frank Warren, the promoter, added him to his promotion in Madison Square Garden in December, where *Hamed will once again head the* card, most probably against Kevin Kelley, of New York.

Calzaghe's victory was particularly satisfying because he had prepared to meet Steve Collins, who retired last week. The styles of Collins and Eubank are completely different, yet the Welshman not only outpointed Eubank by huge margins of up to eight rounds on three judges' cards, but beat him up as well, a feat that nobody had been able to achieve in the 12 years that Eubank has been boxing. Calzaghe also became the first man to floor Eubank twice, in the first round and the tenth.

Admittedly, Eubank is not the fighter that he used to be, but he *fought fiercely all the way, standing* toe-to-toe for several rounds. It was not surprising, therefore, that as soon as Eubank reached his dressing-room, he said: "That Steve Collins must have known something I didn't know."

Later, rubbing his swollen face, he praised Calzaghe. "When he *knocked me down in the first, it* was a very hard punch," Eubank said. "He is determined, strong and an exceptional fighter. I think he *will* prove that fact. If he couldn't fight, he would not have been able to hurt me as he did."

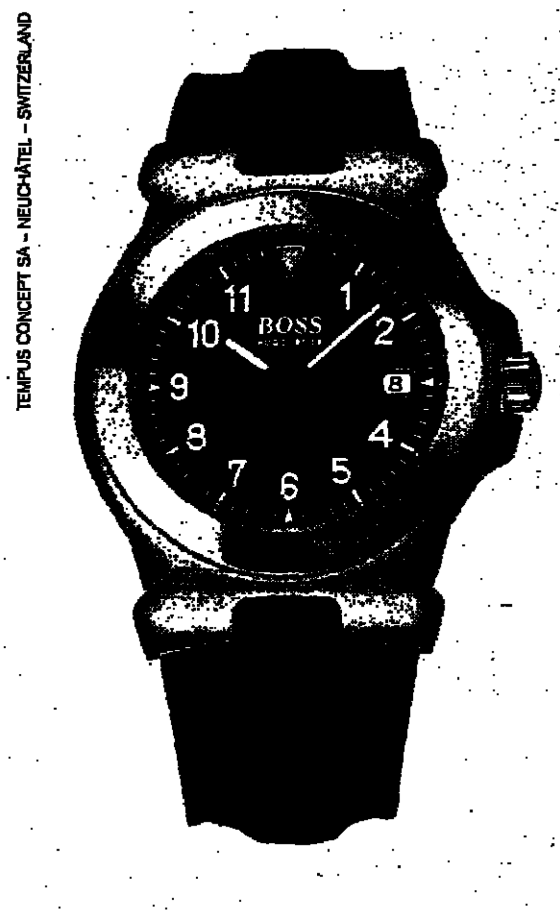
Calzaghe said: "If it was my second or third defence, I would have stopped him. I was lacking in experience, but there's more to *come.*"

Eubank is likely to carry on as a light-heavyweight. "I'm not happy unless I am performing," he said, "whether I'm driving my truck, or strutting the street, or twiddling my cane or fighting. I'll be back in my fighting capacity."

Hamed's bout was a one-sided affair from the first round against a brave but limited No 1 contender. Badillo was unable to land a clean punch on the elusive champion. Hamed stopped him in the seventh round, after punishing him severely, round after round, with spearing jabs that came up from below like uppercuts. It was a good, well-controlled performance that sent the 13,000 crowd *into raptures.*

Later, claiming that neither Willie Pep nor Sandy Sadler would have been able to beat him, Hamed added: "I don't care about Madison Square Garden. I don't care about anything. All I care about is banging somebody out. I don't care who it is or where it is."

Kelley, who was at ringside, was eager to be Hamed's *next* opponent. Now 30 and well past his best, which was in the days when Paul Hodkinson, of Liverpool, was at his feet, he said he was not particularly intimidated by Hamed's performance. "Styles make fights," he said. "I have the style to beat him. Remember *Michael Moorer against* George Foreman. One punch and it could be over. No man is invincible."



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BASKETBALL

Finger can point to problem

By Nicholas Harling

IF BIRMINGHAM Bullets are to capture the Budweiser League championship for the first time, they will win it *without concern for their* coach's health. It has been by narrow, nervous margins of three points, two, two, ten and four points that Mike Finger has seen his unbeaten squad win their five games this season.

The last success, by 78-74 at Worthing Bears on Saturday, came after the Bullets had reeled off the last nine points. Only when Tony Dorsey deposited a jump shot with 2min 17sec left, taking his tally to 27 points, did they go ahead. "They can't continue to play that poorly and put that much pressure on themselves and expect to win too many big games," Finger said."

Worthing had controlled the game, leading by 13 points in the third quarter, thanks chiefly to Ryan Williams, who scored 28 points.

Chris Haslam and H L Coleman shared 29 points for the Bullets. Haslam is English and the national squad could do with him for next month's European championship qualifiers.

Crystal Palace's 90-86 victory over Derby Storm left Watford Royals as the only club without a win. Neither do they have a coach. In the absence of Dana Besczczynski, who he dismissed last week, the Royals' owner, Vince Macaulay-Razaq, took over for the 84-56 defeat by Manchester Giants.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Crutchley's goals help Cannock to set pace

CANNOCK and Hounslow are the only teams with 100 per cent records after three rounds of matches in men's hockey's National League (Sydney Friskin writes). Crutchley scored twice for Cannock in the 8-1 defeat of Doncaster yesterday to add to his three goals on Saturday against Beeston.

Hounslow scrambled to a 2-1 home win yesterday against East Grinstead — Hannah scoring the decisive goal in the 56th minute — after thrashing Teddington 6-1 on Saturday. Yesterday, *Teddington went down 7-2 at Trent Park to* Southgate, who remain unbeaten. Reading, the title-holders, are in seventh place after a draw against Old Loughtonians. Results, page 40

Price finds right mix

BOWLS: John Price, the vice-chairman of the Professional Bowls Association, defeated Joyce Lindores, of Scotland, in the first round of the Bupa Care Homes Open at Preston yesterday, leaving three women to challenge the world's top men bowlers *this week*. The inclusion of four women in the field for the first event to be controlled by the newly-formed World Bowls Tour has attracted criticism from male competitors, but Price is not among them. "I would have lost if I played badly," he said.

Kettle scales heights

ROWING: Martin Kettle, rowing with his Queens Tower double sculls partner, Tom Gale, successfully defended his pairs Head of the River title on Saturday, holding off the Molesey combination of Greg Searle and Richard Stanhope by 5sec. With Emilie Haslov, of Denmark, at stroke, James Cracknell, the bow in Great Britain's world championship-winning four, won the mixed event by 23sec.

Neumann wins again

GOLF: Laura Davies, the Great Britain No 1, tied for fifteenth place behind Liselotte Neumann, of Sweden, at the Takara Invitational in Yokoshiba, Japan. Davies carded a two-under-par final round of 70 for an eight-over-par total of 296, 14 shots behind Neumann, who won the event for the second time. Yuko Motoyama, of Japan, was second on 284.

Dangerfield beaten

CYCLING: Stuart Dangerfield suffered a rare defeat when he finished third in the 870-yard ascent of The Rake, near Holcombe in Lancashire, in the build-up to the defence of his British hill climb championship in a fortnight's time. Jeff Wright won in 2min 21.06sec, 4sec ahead of Jim Henderson. Dangerfield was a further 0.3sec behind.

ICE HOCKEY

Eagles earn two-goal cup buffer

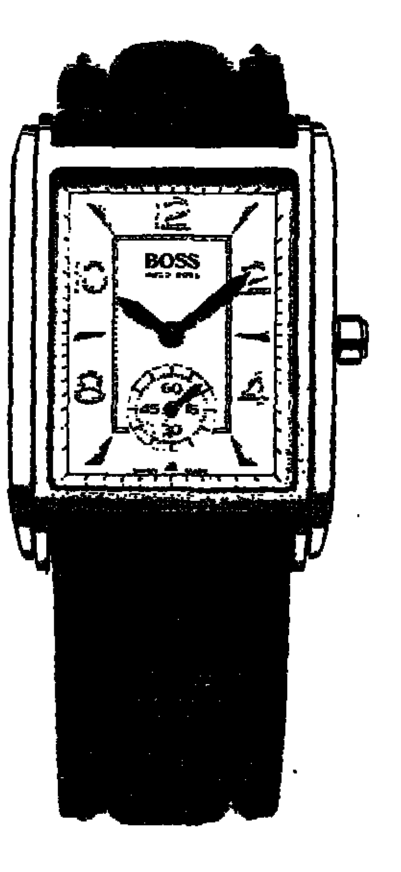
By Norman de Mesquita

OF THE six teams involved in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals on Saturday, only Ayr Scottish Eagles will take a lead into the second leg next weekend after beating Nottingham Panthers 4-2. Newcastle Cobras and *Basingstoke Bison drew 1-1* and Bracknell Bees and Manchester Storm 2-2.

The Panthers started quickly in Ayr with Derek Laxdal scoring after only 91sec. Mark Montanari brought the Scottish side level midway through the first period and the Eagles dominated the second session, with Karri Biette and Dennis Purdie giving them a 3-1 lead by the interval. Jamie Leach scored early in the third for the Panthers, but Montanari scored his second of the evening to restore the Eagles' two-goal margin.

The game in Newcastle was dominated by two well-organised defences and the teams combined for only 35 shots on goal in the 60 minutes. Brett Stewart gave Newcastle the lead in the first period, but Graham Garden levelled early in the third.

There was a scoreless first period in Bracknell, with Tom Gomes the first to find the target for the Bees after two minutes in the second period. Mike Morin scored for the Storm midway through this period. Brad Turner gave Manchester the lead early in the third, but Dave Whistle tied the score midway through the final session. In contrast to the match in Newcastle, both goaltenders were kept busy.



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CYCLING

Brochard on top of the world

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN SAN SEBASTIAN

LAURENT BROCHARD, of France, achieved a famous victory here yesterday, outsprinting Bo Hamburger, of Denmark, and Leon van Bon, of Holland, in a gripping finish to the world professional road race championship, the most prestigious one-day event in the sport.

Brochard, a stage winner in the Tour de France in July, chose to ignore team orders in pursuit of a gold medal as his national squad colleague, Laurent Jalabert, faltered on the last of 19 laps of the town.

"I was told to work for the team," Brochard said, "but I saw that they were lagging so I wasn't obliged to work for them any more because I felt my own chances were good."

The first decisive move was made soon after the start of the seventeenth lap, when several prominent riders, including Max Sciandri, of Great Britain, fell heavily after a clash of wheels just ahead of them. A group of 24 broke clear after the chaos and this was reduced to six on the fast descent towards San Sebastian's windswept Playa de la Concha. The six finished virtually together and were all given the same time of 6hr 16min 48sec, 9sec ahead of the seventh rider.

Alessandria Cappellotto provided Italy with their only victory of the weekend when taking the elite women's road race on Saturday. The Italy Under-23 men's team failed to repeat last year's medal domination, victory going to the sprinter, Kurt-Asle Arvesen, of Norway.

TENNIS: BRITISH NO 1 THROWS AWAY TWO-SET LEAD AFTER IVANISEVIC THROWS TANTRUM

Rusedski pays penalty as he lets victory slip

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN VIENNA

GREG RUSEDSKI'S winning sequence of nine matches was broken in controversial circumstances here yesterday when he was worn down by Goran Ivanisevic after three hours and five sets of combustible tennis in the final of the CA Trophy. The outcome hinged on a tempestuous passage of play midway through the match, when Ivanisevic, trailing by two sets and facing a series of break points at 3-4 in the third, was fortunate to escape censure for racket abuse.

The fiery Croat, already warned for an audible obcenity, almost certainly escaped a penalty point because the match was so delicately poised. Such a sanction, which is what Ivanisevic's racket-throwing tanturm warranted, would have handed Rusedski a crucial service break — and allowed him to serve for victory in straight sets. Then, some 30 minutes later and trailing 3-2 in the fourth, a frustrated Rusedski remonstrated with Rudi Berger, the umpire. That provided the spark for Ivanisevic's short fuse.

"I never complain when someone else throws their racket," Ivanisevic said later. "Maybe I deserved a penalty point, but it was not his business. I hate that." The Croat wasted no time in venting his feelings: in the next game, he drilled a full-blooded forehand straight into the pit of Rusedski's stomach. To exacerbate his torment, Rusedski was officially reprimanded for ball abuse minutes later and, after that, the British No 1 went to pieces.

Rusedski had not dropped his service all week: now he was to lose it twice in succession. Ivanisevic levelled the match and the air was black with the acrimony that has infiltrated previous encounters between these two.

In the final at Zagreb in February, Rusedski was foot-faulted by a Croatian line-judge when serving for the match and at Queen's in June he remonstrated bitterly when a handful of Croatian supporters heckled him. He was to lose that match, too, Ivanisevic coming through after a tie-break that ended 20-18.

Martina Hingis registered her eleventh tournament win of 1997 yesterday when she defeated the unseeded Lisa Raymond, of the United States, 6-4, 6-2 in the final of the Filderstadt Open in Germany. Hingis has lost only twice this year.

"He is always complaining," Ivanisevic said. "He complained in Zagreb because the crowd was with me and he complained at Queen's because of 15 Croatian supporters in a 10,000 crowd. In the end, the crowd here turned against me, clapping my mistakes. But who cares? I won the match."

Rusedski, for his part, kept his own counsel. He refused to become embroiled in a war of words, but his behaviour in the post-match ceremony betrayed his sense of outrage. Given a rapturous reception, he would not acknowledge the crowd, nor dispense the usual platitudes through the public address system.

It is also true that the Briton squandered an embarrassment of opportunities to win that pivotal third set. He fashioned no less than 11 break points, but could capture none. Where Rusedski also erred was in allowing Ivanisevic to create the sort of emotional turmoil on which he thrives.

As it was, Rusedski, who beat Tim Henman on Saturday to reach the final, almost won that controversial eighth game of the third set. Facing break point and reduced to a sitting target at the net, Ivanisevic anticipated the direction of Rusedski's pass and his snatched volley clipped the net-cord before dropping stone dead on Rusedski's side.

"He guessed right, the ball came over and that's basically what cost me the match," Rusedski said. "I have nothing to be disappointed about. I did my best. Goran took advantage of some situations and he took the match." The final indignity of this 3-6, 6-7, 7-6, 6-2, 6-3 defeat is that Ivanisevic will today displace Rusedski at No 4 in the world when the rankings are updated this morning.

Rusedski has withdrawn from the indoor tournament in Ostrava, which starts today. He will be fined $5,000, a minor sanction when set against a hectic schedule that has left him physically and mentally exhausted. There were times in this match when tiredness betrayed him. It is a pleasure, from the perspective of British tennis, to report that Rusedski has become a victim of his own success.

CRAIG PRENTIS / ALLSPORT

Rusedski sends down a service during the final yesterday but it was broken several times in his defeat against Ivanisevic

JUDO

Japan find dominance is slipping

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN PARIS

JAPAN'S status as the pre-eminent judo nation was challenged as never before on the last day of the world championships here yesterday. Japan, the inventors of the sport, and France finished joint-top of the medals table with both countries taking four gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

Victories by Ryoko Tamura and Tadhiro Nomura allowed Japan to collect titles on the final day, just as it looked as if they might be toppled from their dominance for the first time. Tamura took her third successive title with a dazzling display of skill.

In the men's bantamweight final, Nomura produced a superb shoulder throw to dump Georg Revazishvili, of Georgia, on his back for an Ippon, the sport's equivalent to a knockout.

Joyce Heron, of Great Britain, who won a bronze medal in the bantamweights four years ago, fought with consistent penetration yesterday, but in the repechage she was unable to upset Sylvie Meloux, of France, who gained the unanimous decision of the officials.

Sam Dunkley, of Willesden, produced an impressive performance in his first world championships despite a hip injury. He was finally strangled into submission by Myong Cha Kang, of North Korea. Both Heron and Dunkley finished seventh and, with the two fifth places and the gold medal for Kate Howey in these championships, Britain have started to recover their old eminence in the sport.

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GOLF

Inspiration deserts Els as title slips fron his grasp

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SCORES

SEMI-FINALS: V Singh (Fiji) bt B Faxon (US) 4 and 3; E Els (SA) bt N Price (Zim) at 37th.

FINAL: Singh bt Els, 2 holes. Third-fourth place play-off: Faxon bt Price 5 and 4.

VIJAY SINGH ended Ernie Els's remarkable run of success in the Toyota World Match Play Championship yesterday. From the time Els, the reigning US Open champion, arrived in this part of Surrey in October 1994, he had conquered everyone around the demanding Burma Road course at the Wentworth club. The golf he played in 11 matches over 400 holes, for which he was 77 under par, was simply unmatchable. Nick Price suggested that Els and the West Course were made for each other.

Yet now Singh, another big man and long hitter, has toppled the South African, winning by one hole. It was not a match that deserved a fanfare of trumpets and the beating of angels' wings because although Singh deserved to win, Els conspired in his own defeat by some relatively patchy play.

Perhaps, in the end, he was let down by his own lack of practice. A five-week layoff from competition immediately prior to this event may have been why he was not at his best all the time. Singh, though, did what was necessary.

"I was two under par in the morning and one under in the afternoon," Singh said. "That was what was needed to win the tournament. It was not as good as I can play, but it was matchplay and in matchplay you have to play better than your opponent. I did that."

Els's swing looks so languid and easy that you sometimes wonder if anything can go wrong with it. It can — and it did in the final. Sometimes he gets his feet and his shoulders in a muddle, failing to keep the two in alignment. This makes him feel as uncomfortable over the ball as it sounds. Both can be closed or both can be open, but to mix the two makes life very difficult indeed and there were moments when even the mild-mannered Els was getting cross with himself.

Singh was four up by after the 14th in the morning and it was beginning to look as though it would be a short final. Els failed to make his pars on both the 6th and the 9th from just short of the green. Furthermore, Singh won a lot of holes with nothing better than par golf, which is not what is expected in a competition such as this is on a mild autumn day.

Els spent some time on the practice ground at lunchtime, trying to sort out his alignment, and when he birdied the 20th, eagled the 22nd and played the next four holes in level par, he was back to only one down. He squared the match on the 28th only to lose the next hole after missing a three-foot putt after both men had hit gloriously accurate second shots.

Singh: new champion

Though Els played a deft pitch over a bunker on the 30th to square once again, his golf was not steady enough to match Singh's. Els hit his second into a bunker on the 33rd, where Singh went one up again and that was how it remained. The matchplay nature of the event was captured on the last hole, when Els had hit his second into a bunker to the right of the green. Singh wanted to make sure that he hit the green and had some discussion with his caddie before changing his mind and changing his club. He went from a six-iron down to a five and his ball duly reached the putting surface.

"I had to be careful," Singh said, "and it depended on what he was going to do. Once I saw he had hit it into the bunker, I knew that if I hit my ball on to the green he would have to hole out from the bunker. I wanted to hit a hard six-iron, but my caddie said I had to put it in the middle of the green somewhere. Once I had done that, I knew it was pretty much done."

For Singh, it was something of a dream come true. As a young man, he had read of Gary Player and Hale Irwin winning this event and he had dared to imagine himself doing the same. "It is a big event, one of the biggest in the world. It is the World Match Play," Singh said. It was not his fault that his first victory should have come in a year that was far from a vintage one.

SAILING

Gales mar Le Havre start

BY EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE 4,800-mile Transat Jacques Vabre race, for double-handed monohulls and multihulls, from Le Havre to Cartagena, in Colombia, has started badly, with two boats out of action after 24 hours and two others in port for repairs.

The race, which features five 60ft trimarans and several of the old Vendée Globe Open 60s, started off from Le Havre on Saturday in a 30-knot southwesterly that built to gale force overnight.

Among the best early front-runners were Pete Goss, of Great Britain, and Raphaël Dinelli, of France, on *BMW Performance* which stormed away from the line, headed only by Yves Parlier and Eric Tabarly, on *Aquitaine Innovations*.

Leading the 18-strong fleet was Paul Vatine's trimaran, *Chauss' Europe*, with Laurent Bourgnon and his brother Yvan in *Primagaz* blasting along in second, doing close to 15 knots on a bumpy sea and in driving rain.

With conditions moderating yesterday, the leader in the Bay of Biscay was Francis Joyon, on the trimaran *Banque Populaire*, who was ten minutes late in crossing the start line but was averaging an impressive 17 knots yesterday.

In the Whitbread Round the World race, the leading boats have now rounded the island of Trindade, the second turning mark off the Brazilian coast, and are heading south-east towards the first leg finish at Cape Town.

Call Cayard's *EF Language* has taken the lead from *Innovation Kvaerner*, which had held the top spot for 14 days. The Norwegian boat has slipped to third, behind *Merit Cup*, but there are only a few miles between the top three. *Silk Cut*, the British boat, remains fourth, 93 miles behind Cayard.

☐ A memorial service for John Merricks, the Olympic silver medal-winner, who was killed in a car crash last week, is to be held at Leicester Cathedral at 1pm on Friday. The family request that instead of flowers, donations should be made to the John Merricks Sailing Trust, c/o The Royal Yachting Association, RYA House, Romsey Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO5 4YA.

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Caine and Sky succeed with the Italian mob

MATTHEW BOND

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TV ACTION REPLAY

When they cover tennis, Italian broadcasters have a reputation for cutting away to the prettiest girl that they can *find* in the crowd during breaks in the action. When it comes to important football matches, however, "sweet-aways" — as they are known by some — are sadly not an option. So when England took on Italy in the Olympic Stadium in Rome on Saturday, the local director had to improvise. And how.

Within the first ten minutes we had had umpteen "agitated-Maldini-aways", several "injured-player-aways" and a slightly unsettling number of "Italian-VIPs-who-Martin-Tyler-couldn't-recognise-aways". And, thankfully, one he could. "Dino Zoff, there," he noted with relief, ending an *uncomfortable* run of pauses. "Lots of Italian reaction you are getting from our local coverage here," *the man from* BSkyB explained.

Minutes later, lots of a rather different kind of Italian reaction filled our screens as the first "riot-away" of the night briefly interrupted the action. I let out a small cheer. After years of BBC Sport censoriously turning their cameras away from anything resembling a news story, here was a broadcaster prepared to show it how it was. Here, too, was a commentator with the sense to restrict himself to expressing regret rather than making instant judgments. "The sort of scenes we didn't want to bring you, but cannot avoid," Tyler said accurately and commendably. Commendably, that is, until a few minutes later, when he launched into an ill-timed plug for world championship boxing.

Despite their name, "overnight" viewing figures for the game will not be available until today, but if Italy versus England does not beat the record for a cable or satellite programme (3.8 million, for the reciprocal game at Wembley in February), I shall be very surprised. And if somebody from Sky does not point out that those figures do not *include those people* who watched in pubs and clubs, I shall be even more surprised.

For the BBC, which had neither the live rights to the game nor the delayed terrestrial rights, which had gone to ITV, the match could have been an excuse for a sulk, but it wasn't. *Football Focus* dedicated a substantial part of its time to the match, with Gary Lineker and Peter Beardsley discussing it in that giant studio football, while Ray *Stubbs reported from Rome.* However, in the face of this generous coverage, the difference between the BBC and its satellite competition was still cruelly apparent.

Both broadcasters had thought of *The Italian Job* as a linking gambit, but while on the BBC that came down to Lineker giving us his Michael Caine impersonation (there were a frightening few seconds when I hadn't a clue who he was supposed to be), on Sky *that meant they had the man* himself: "Glenn, I tried an Italian job, but didn't bring back the gold — you've got to do that for us."

Richard Keys, wearing the sort of headset that Desmond Lynam would not be seen dead in, was visibly moved. "If your spine doesn't tingle tonight, it never will," he said. I checked mine. No tingle yet, *but then there was still an* hour and a half till kick-off. Plenty of time for tingles later.

The fact that they never arrived in any significant form is not the fault of Sky, which covered its most important sports event to date about as well as it could, given that the match was away and the pictures supplied were largely out of its control. Keys got a bit overexcited, but so does *Lynam at moments of high* patriotism, as we all recall from Euro 96.

Although the presence of Roy Hodgson alongside Bobby Robson was probably one distinguished international manager too many — by contrast, ITV fielded the more balanced partnership of *Terry* Venables and John Barnes — the build-up was entertaining *and tactically informative.* The vital team news arrived at 7pm, giving Andy Gray plenty of time to shuffle blue and white counters around his green baize pitch. The one doubt seemed to be where to put the blue counter that was Inzaghi. As it turned out, not even Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach, knew the answer to that.

In the commentary box, Tyler and Gray *took turns to* tempt fate. "Full of authority, full of style," Gray said of the England performance. "Mind you, I'm saying all these good things and there's still 25 minutes to go." Shortly afterwards, Del Piero fell over in the England penalty box, an *incident that Sky would replay* only some 15 minutes after the game was over.

Eventually, the heady mix of patriotism and tension became too much for the normally reliable Tyler, especially after Le Saux squared up to an Italian defender: "Le Saux, a player with a French name, of course."

However, having plumbed the depths of silliness with that, Tyler than redeemed himself immediately after the game with a roll call of those *players who had contributed* to England's qualification but no longer seemed to feature in Glenn Hoddle's plans. "Barmby, Le Tissier, Pearce ...". Suddenly, I felt a strange feeling. It was my spine managing a small tingle after *all*.

'This was possibly as much a triumph for Vick inhalers as for the history of England football'

Italy fans submit without a whimper

LYNNE TRUSS

Of all the excellent *Colonel Bogey* and *Dambuster* chants on Saturday night at the *Olympic Stadium in Rome*, there was one that, in retrospect, made the greatest sense. It was the one that goes: "*You're* supposed to be at home." It was meant to be aggressive, of course, but it was essentially fair comment, as well as an expression of incredible relief. Just as England's players were dominating the match, so *England's fans* were *dominating* the stadium with astonishing ease. This *your place, is it?* Very nice. *Mm,* soft *cushions.* Budge up. What's on the telly, then? Cup of tea would be nice; mine's got four sugars, ta.

This sensation of cuckoo-in-the-nest comfort was not how the evening had started out, however. For my own party of respectable fans, hosted by Carlsberg, I would say the main feeling on *approaching that huge, impressive stadium* was a sort of animal dread. I've never experienced the lambs-to-slaughter thing quite so strongly. Let off our coach in the nearest car park, we were escorted in near-silence by armed *carabinieri* by an excessively long route half a mile past the stadium and then half a mile back again.

It went on and on — this tiring trudge on a night much too warm for exercise. The worrying thing was, it felt like a trap. Around the next corner, I kept thinking we'd find ourselves trotting up a ramp on to a big train. Baa, baa. The doors would slam behind us (Baa?) and the next thing we knew, we'd be back at the airport, saying "*How did that happen?*" and "Did David Beckham recover OK?"

Put simply, the policing started out scary and remained scary. We kept telling ourselves all these loaded weapons and truncheons were intended for our protection, but we were just exercising our stiff upper lips. Violence inevitably erupted on the borders of the England *enclosures* and it *should* be no surprise to find that a graph *of the* baton *charges* would fit exactly with a graph of the game. The more exciting the play, the greater the number of shiny helmets invading the fans.

At half-time, all action (both on and off the pitch) stopped for a well-earned break, *like* trench warfare at Christmas in the First World War. Perhaps the two sides exchanged cigarettes and (oh yes!) played football. But when the whistle blew for the second half, the police got stuck right in again and the truce was at an end.

The astonishing thing about the evening, for me, was how little the violence mattered. It's a *shameful* admission, but an honest one. This was such a fabulous display of English football, supported with such gusto by the visiting fans, that strong-arm tactics in a remote part of the stadium was rather incidental. I had never seen the England team play with this combination of energy, control and sheer elegance; *for once, the* cheering was not just a message of blind Eng-er-land prejudice, but of genuine appreciation for a great performance, for which I *must quickly* acquire grandchildren just so that I can tell them about the superlative passing in midfield.

So when the scuffles broke out, we would all nudge each other and make tut-tut noises and I would hand round the binoculars, but watching the scuffles instead of the match was simply not an option. It was like those moments when someone rings up during *EastEnders* (or whatever) and you snort with a laugh "Nice try", without bothering even to find out *who it is.*

Afterwards, they kept us in the stadium for about an hour, cunningly tiring us of our own company as well as waiting for the Italians to disperse. Like many a disappointed crowd, the home fans vanished quickly, and you couldn't blame them. We'd been warned that a good way to avoid trouble afterwards (in the event of a good result for England) was to adopt protective colouring. "Look glum and Italian," we told each other, though honestly, even with all our years of accumulated national glumness, we hadn't the slightest idea on Saturday night where to start.

With football, you are allowed to have a short-term memory. You are allowed to exult in success *without thinking about defeat* around the last corner. I felt so proud of our boys on Saturday that when Sheringham and Beckham hugged jubilantly for the cameras, I actually *started* crying. I have never watched England qualify for the World Cup before and if it's like this, I'd like to see it again. But mainly I was crying because I'd seen these people perform at their best. Beckham hasn't been at all well, *you know. His flu was a* national talking-point. What an especially noteworthy performance, in that case. This was possibly as much a triumph for Vick inhalers as for the history of England football.

What happened to the genuine glum Italians we never knew. The Italian crowds are noted, I believe, *for a memory so frighteningly* short that they will simply disown their team when the going gets tough. Presumably something like this national amnesia was *occurring on Saturday, when they failed* utterly to motivate their players, other than with a bit of flag-waving. True, there were a few banners, but a sheet with "Good evening bastards" raised only smug smiles and waves from the *English fans. Yes, it was true.* The Italians were not behaving as though they were at *home.* It was very, very odd.

Of course, we never did look glum and Italian, although we did a very good impression of tired-to-death, because in order to fly out same-day, many of us had been up since 4am. Kick-off was at 8.45pm local *time* and it was nearly midnight before they escorted us off the premises, on a route lined by stoney-faced marksmen.

What's the Italian for "for heaven's sake, lighten up, it's only football", I wonder? On second thoughts, I'm glad I don't know, or I might have been tempted to try it.

Throughout the evening, I kept remembering that long-ago *New Statesman* weekend competition, *in which entrants were invited to* supply dangerous advice for unwary travellers. "Try the famous echo in the British Museum reading room," was a particularly good one. Also: "In Britain a single yellow line means you can park for one hour; two lines means two hours." They should run this competition again. "In Rome, it is *customary to knock the hats off the* cheery *carabinieri*. They are recruited for their sense of fun and will always take it in good part."

LUCA BRUNO

An emotional Ince turns to thank the massed England supporters for their vital contribution, which lifted the players, particularly in the last half-hour

SPORTS LETTERS

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Behaviour and referees

From Mr G. Ralph

Sir, I must agree with *Keith* Atkinson's letter (Sports Letters, October 6) concerning the behaviour *of footballers* towards referees. Two weeks ago I played hockey on a recreation ground in a Kent village. On the two adjacent pitches games of football and rugby were being played. I and many of our players were stunned at the behaviour of the footballers towards their officials compared with that of the rugby and hockey players towards theirs.

Combined with this was the incessant shouting and swearing at the referee, the opponents and each other, all within 60 yards of a children's playground.

Is there any *connection* between the fact that the two rugby codes and hockey have *sin bins* and *ten-yard* penalties for abuse towards the referee or umpire? Surely the FA has *a duty to improve* the standard of behaviour of players.

Yours sincerely,
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29 Alfred Road,
Gravesend, Kent.

Return of terraces

From Mr A. Wilson

Sir, Millions of football supporters have stood on terracing without loss of life. The events of Hillsborough unfolded in a freak set of circumstances — roadworks, *police* action and fencing. A similar set could occur in any large *social gathering, such* as a pop concert. That does not mean we should ban people from *such gatherings.*

I can understand why Mr Hicks finds terracing distasteful, but neither he, nor the other relatives of the Hillsborough victims, should be able to restrict the choice of football supporters. It is a disgraceful slur to link the call for terracing with the encouragement of *hooliganism;* whereas it is true that all-seater stadiums have taken the atmosphere out of football. On this issue Tony Banks has got it right.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW WILSON,
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Greenwich, London.

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Appointment of the next Ryder Cup captain

From Mr P. Hughes

Sir, Why has an Irishman never been honoured with the captaincy of a Ryder Cup team? The Ryder Cup committee should be made aware there is a golden opportunity to appoint an Irish captain in 1999.

Christy O'Connor Jnr is nearing the end of a long and *successful* career on the *European* Tour, he is respected by his peers and would be an ideal choice to lead the side, particularly in Boston. He is a man of strong will and determination, frequently demonstrated as he emerged from the shadow of his illustrious uncle.

Those concerned must agree the time is right, at long last, to acknowledge the contribution *Irish professional golfers have made to Ryder* Cup history. The choice of Christy O'Connor Jnr would put to rest thoughts that a clique exists within the halls of the PGA and The European Tour.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HUGHES,
12 Pentland Avenue, Shepshed, Leicestershire.

Cricket statistics

From Mr C. Nutt

Sir, I hope that Mr Roberts was merely being provocative when he claimed that aggregates *show Kent to have out*-batted and out-bowled Glamorgan this year (Sports Letters, October 6).

This is rather like saying Allan Border was a better batsman than Don Bradman because he scored more than 4,000 more Test runs, when he took three times the number of matches to do so.

The whole purpose of an average is to compare performance in the context of the opportunities provided. Bradman averaged nearly *double Border* per *completed* innings. Similarly Glamorgan suffered more than most from the weather — their aggregate runs and wickets reflect no more than this — whereas their average runs scored and conceded show their superiority.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER NUTT,
8 Cambray Place,
Cheltenham, Glos.

No Rugby Special

From Mrs P. Masson

Sir, As a family we too are saddened by the loss of *Rugby Special* on the BBC. My 13-year-old complained today that he hasn't seen even ten seconds of televised rugby this season, yet both he and his 11-year-old brother are keen and accomplished rugby players, *who play for their schools and* for their village side. Are we to see any rugby on a weekly basis on terrestrial channels this season?

Yours faithfully,
PAMELA MASSON,
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Breaton, Tewkesbury,
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Corinthian spirit alive

From Mr E. Grayson

Sir, The misconceived claim in your Times Diary (October 6) "The Corinthian spirit is dead" contrasts sharply with the following day's front-page report that "a code of conduct to stamp out indiscipline and *gamesmanship imported* from professional sport in matches between schools was unveiled by the heads of leading independent schools".

This is nothing more than the endorsement of the unwritten Corinthian concept of fair play in all team games, handed down and crystallised by the Corinthian Football Club from the C.B. Fry era and now identified as a wider benchmark for ethical conduct in all sporting activity.

Many of your readers may not *know* that many of the club's leading amateur internationals, playing alongside *their paid contemporaries,* were schoolmasters, including Fry himself and two of the club's historians, B.O. Corbett and Norman Creek. With their contemporaries from the professions of law and medicine, they shared with their professional opponents standards of conduct and play which all schools could emulate.

Today too many paid gladiators and their employers *from the jungle of commerce* have no comparable standards. Hence the need for a schools code.

At Tolworth, Surrey, however, the legatees of that Corinthian tradition, the Corinthian-Casuals, can be found in the Isthmian League, which the Casuals helped found in 1905, operating ten teams from veterans to under-10s all dedicated to the aim enshrined in the club rules: "To promote fair play and sportsmanship, to generate *good fellowship and sustain* the amateur tradition".

So, far from the Corinthian *tradition being dead,* it lives on in a corner of a Surrey football field that is more Corinthian than casual.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
EDWARD GRAYSON,
Corinthian-Casuals Football Club,
King George's Field,
Hook Rise,
South Tolworth,
Surrey.

This week in THE TIMES

- **Tomorrow:** The road to France — Italy and Ireland learn their World Cup fate
- **Wednesday and Thursday:** The *big names enter* the Coca-Cola Cup. Manchester United at Ipswich, and the rest of the football action
- **Saturday:** *Frank Leboeuf* (above), Chelsea's stylish defender, begins a new column

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RUGBY UNION: TWO LATE TRIES DENY DEPLETED SWANSEA A FAMOUS VICTORY IN HEINEKEN CUP

RUGBY LEAGUE

Mariners dying with style

By Christopher Irvine

IF NOTHING else, the long-winded and competitively lop-sided world club championship has produced a curiosity for the sporting quiz books. Which rugby league club played in a final and was instantly scrapped?

The doomed Hunter Mariners can at least go out in style at Auckland on Friday. Brisbane Broncos are odds-on favourites, but, then, so were Cronulla Sharks in the semi-finals on Saturday and Hunter staged a resounding comeback in a 22-18 victory to live for one more day.

Hunter's name on a trophy, which will never be repeated in such a tortuous form, or possibly played at all next year because of the World Cup in Australasia, might be apt. The club is staring at extinction after one season because of the need in Australia for a unified, 20-team competition and the fact that there is room in Newcastle, their home city, for only one club.

The death sentence hanging over Hunter is inspiring them — that and the overshadowing triumph of Newcastle Knights in winning the Australian Rugby League competition. Anything their neighbours do, Hunter want to do better.

Graham Murray, their coach, appears to be headed for Great Britain as Dean Bell's replacement at Headingley. He may well bring with him Robbie McCormack, the tough, durable Hunter captain, who is eager to end his career in Britain. Leeds are in the market for a hooker after the departure of Wayne Collins and if Murray could persuade one or two more to follow him, youngsters of the quality of Brett Kimmorley at scrum half would be welcome.

Kimmorley, however, is bound to be in demand at home after his two-try display in a victory, which was Hunter's first away from home in Australasia.

Wasps seize forward advantage to fight back

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By Mark Souster

SWANSEA'S slim hopes of qualifying for the quarter-finals of the Heineken Cup disappeared in cruel circumstances at Loftus Road yesterday as Wasps maintained their 100 per cent record in pool B. Despite having underachieved in Europe this season, however, Swansea can be proud of a performance that came so close to providing an upset in a riveting match of skill, passion and movement.

Having arrived with a team denuded by injury of Scott Gibbs, Arwel Thomas and Paul Arnold, to name but three, Swansea must have felt that a difficult task had become an impossible mission. Insult was added to their injury problems when Shaun Roiser scored Wasps's crucial third try after a blatant forward pass from Kenny Logan after 68 minutes.

That brought Wasps to within two points at 28-26 and the momentum that had been with the All Whites was lost. It was the defining moment and it was left to Gareth Rees, the Wasps full back, to convert his fourth successful penalty goal to secure their narrow victory.

When Swansea assess their European campaign, they will know that their early patchy form had finally caught up with them. It is also a sign of Wasps's attitude that, having already qualified for the last eight, they retrieved what had looked a hopeless situation with 20 minutes remaining.

Wasps took the lead with a penalty goal by Rees, then Swansea scored their first try. Booth broke down the short side from a scrum on the Wasps 22, then fed Paul Moriarty, who left Rees flat on the floor as he burst over.

Aled Williams missed the conversion, but then extended Swansea's lead with another penalty after Lee Davies had been tackled late by Molloy. With Cronin dominating the early lineouts, though, Wasps were quick to retaliate.

A slick passing movement involving Dallaglio and Greenstock created space for Logan on the left. The Scotland international, who has scored 21 tries in 16 matches for Wasps, was stopped short but stood up in the tackle and off-loaded to King, who looped around to score in the corner.

Five minutes later, Logan instigated the next try. From a quick penalty, he raced 50 metres through the startled Swansea defence, changed angles and found Greenstock and King in support. The fly half showed considerable pace to touch down wide out.

Both sides added a penalty to give Wasps a 16-11 lead at half-time. Within ten minutes of the restart, however, Swansea had turned the match on its head with two swift tries.

Mark Taylor scored the first, after a huge pass from Booth following a tapped penalty, then Stuart Davies, who had a magnificent match, charged over from 20 metres after a break by Chris Wells, the hooker. That put Swansea two scores ahead and in sight of a famous win.

Then fate stepped in. Bertie Smith, the referee, left the field with a cut head that required seven stiches and Sean Buggy, his replacement, missed the all-important pass that consigned Swansea to defeat.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: King 2 (17min, 23), Roiser. Conversion: Rees. Penalty goals: Rees 4 (7, 34, 41, 74). Swansea: Tries: Moriarty (12), Taylor (44), S Davies (50). Conversions: Williams 2. Penalty goals: Williams 3 (14, 37, 65)

SCORING SEQUENCE (Wasps first): 3-0, 3-5, 3-8, 8-8, 13-8, 13-11, 16-11 (half-time), 19-11, 19-16, 19-18, 19-25, 19-28, 26-28, 29-28.

WASPS: G Rees; S Roiser, N Greenstock, R Henderson, K Logan; A King, M Wood; D Molloy, D Macer (rep: S Mitchell, 60min), W Green, D Cronin, S Shaw, L Dallaglio, M White (rep: J Worsley, 62), C Sheasby

SWANSEA: M Back; R Rees, M Taylor, L Davies, S Davies; A Williams, A Booth; C Loader, C Anthony, C Wells, D Niblo, J Griffiths, P Moriarty (rep: A Grabham, 47), D Thomas, S Davies.

Referee: B Smith (Ireland; rep: S Buggy, 52).

JAMIE McDONALD / ALLSPORT

King, the Wasps fly half, shrugs off the Swansea cover to score one of his two tries at Loftus Road yesterday

Munster's pride shines through

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From Karl Johnston in Limerick

THE cheers of biggest crowd at Thomond Park since 1978, the year when Munster became the first — and so far only — Irish team to defeat the All Blacks, rent the air here yesterday when Munster preserved their unbeaten home Heineken Cup record with a surprise defeat of Harlequins.

The result made no difference to Munster, whose interest in this season's competition, like Leinster and Ulster, is academic, but pride counts for a great deal in a city that rejoices in its tag of the rugby capital of Ireland, its clubs having dominated the All Ireland League for the past six years.

This victory will go into the annals of Limerick, this year celebrating the 800th anniversary of its charter, awarded by King John of England in 1197. The team that saw off Harlequins will hardly worry about history, but they became part of their city's sporting legend with a hard-fought and deserved win.

Harlequins raced to an 8-0 lead in seven minutes, courtesy of Darren O'Leary's unconverted try and a penalty goal from Thierry Lacroix, but, in a purple passage, Munster compiled 17 points in reply. Killian Keane, voted man of the match at fly half, started the fightback with a penalty goal, followed by conversions of tries by Rhys Ellison and Eddie Halvey.

Jamie Williams scored a fine try for Harlequins ten minutes before half-time and, when Lacroix kicked his second penalty goal four minutes into the second period to reduce Munster's lead to one point, the outlook was not bright for the home side.

Munster spent long periods of the second half in defence, but they stood firm, even if there was many a heart-stopping moment for the home supporters. Harlequins' skipper, Keith Wood, was back on his native heath, but the welcome was warm, though not in the way that the British Isles hooker might have liked. Even when Keane landed two more penalty goals, the last with time running out, Harlequins could still have forced a draw, but Munster kept their heads, defended manfully and held out for a win that must have gladdened the heart of the national coach, Brian Ashton, who was an interested observer.

Anyone brave enough to suggest in the pubs of Limerick last night that Irish rugby is dead would have got an emphatic argument to the contrary.

SCORERS: Munster: Tries: Ellison (17min), Halvey (24). Conversions: Keane 2. Penalty goals: Keane 3 (11, 65, 78). Harlequins: Tries: O'Leary (2), Williams (30). Penalty goals: Lacroix 2 (7, 44).

SCORING SEQUENCE (Munster first): 0-5, 0-8, 3-8, 10-8, 17-8, 17-13 (half-time), 17-16, 20-16, 23-16

MUNSTER: D Crotty (Garryowen); J Lacey (Shannon), R Ellison (Shannon), M Lynch (Young Munster), J Kelly (Cork Constitution); K Keane (Garryowen), B O'Meara (Cork Constitution; rep: S McIvor, Garryowen, 65min); I Murray (Cork Constitution), M McDermott (Shannon), P Clohessy (Young Munster), M Galwey (Shannon), S Leahy (Shannon), E Halvey (Shannon), A Quinlan (Shannon), A Foley (Shannon)

HARLEQUINS: J Williams; D O'Leary, W [illegible] Carling (rep: [illegible]); L Bell[illegible], T [illegible] Harlequins [illegible] D Rouse, 44); K Wood, J Leonard, G Llewellyn, L Gross, R Jenkins, L Cabannes, B Davison.

Referee: N Whitehouse (Wales).

Leicester scrape home

LEICESTER, who boast one of the meanest defences in the Heineken Cup, conceded five tries to Milan in Calvisano yesterday and came within eight minutes of their second away defeat in the pool matches. Only an injury-time try by Will Greenwood made the game safe at 37-29 and ensured home advantage as [illegible] the play-offs.

Joel Stransky's goal-kicking made the difference, the South African fly half scoring four conversions and three penalty goals. Francis Lagleyze, his opposite number, could register only two successes from seven attempts.

Sébastien Viars scored three of Brive's six tries as the holders beat Scottish Borders [illegible] at Netherdale. The result leaves the Borders as the only team in the competition not to have won a match.

Saracens too strong for young Narbonne

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By Peter Bills

WHICHEVER side of the English Channel you are on, the European Conference remains an enigma to clubs and spectators alike. Northampton report average crowds of 4,000, compared to almost double for league matches; London Irish have attracted no more than 1,500 for their games, 2,500 below their league average.

On a pleasant Sunday afternoon, barely 2,500 bothered to see a French club with a fine tradition visit Vicarage Road yesterday. Everyone did their best to make it an occasion worthy of the name. The man from Sud Radio in the south of France conveyed news back to the homes and vineyards of the Narbonne countryside with great excitement., but events in Castres the previous night had rendered Saracens' task impossible. In order to reach the quarter-finals as group winners, they had to win by 64 points. Not surprisingly, they never remotely looked like succeeding.

Saracens were always in charge. The combination of so much international experience in the London side and a Scottish referee who seemed to adhere to the principle of "when in doubt, penalise the French" was heady stuff — and the dismissal of a frustrated Racine for head-butting Bracken was eminently predictable.

Narbonne had conceded two goals within 19 minutes and, although they stuck to their task — with the young Benazech impressive — were always outclassed.

SCORERS: Saracens: Tries: Bracken (8min), Lynagh 2 (19, 40), Singer (46), Olver (72), Sella (77). Conversions: Lynagh 4, Lee. Narbonne: Tries: Calero (24), Stoica (67), Calvel (79). Conversion: Beller-Tolve

SCORING SEQUENCE (Saracens first) 7-0, 14-0, 14-5, 21-5, 28-5, 28-12, 35-12, 40-12, 40-17.

SARACENS: G Johnson (rep: K Chesney, 63min); M Singer, P Sella, K Sorrell, B Daniel; M Lynagh (rep: A Lee, 63), K Bracken (rep: B Free, 75); B Reidy (rep: A Olver, 47), G Botterman (rep: G Chuter, 63), P Wallace, P Johns (rep: A Copsey, 63), D Grewcock, F Pienaar (rep: B Sturnham, 63), R Hill, A Diprose.

NARBONNE: E Benazech; B Calero, P [illegible] Desclaux, 77), A Stoica, A Gascello (rep: B Calvel, 50); B Beller-Tolve, S [illegible], H Guiraud, [illegible] (rep: C Vareilles, 77), R Pietarel (rep: A [illegible], 40), T Brizzi, M Giovanelli (rep: T Agdu, 58), P Pere, M Raynaud.

Referee: C Muir (Scotland)

Return trip to Brive awaits Pontypridd

By David Hands

PONTYPRIDD will, in a sense, start the Heineken Cup all over again next month. They will try to put out of their minds the events that clouded their first meeting with Brive when they return to France on the weekend of November 1 and 2 for the play-off match against the holders, which will determine who plays in the competition's quarter-finals.

But they take their place in the play-offs by a whisker. Depleted Swansea's heroic feats at Loftus Road almost carried them into the knockout stage at Pontypridd's expense: "Watching the game on television, I was cheering for Swansea, but deep down I was thinking to myself 'Come on, give us a break.'" Cenydd Thomas, the Pontypridd chief executive, said.

"Now the inevitable has happened and we will go to Brive to play a game of rugby." When the violence of that first encounter is set aside, the two sides produced some thrilling rugby before Brive won by a point thanks to a controversial try. The holders qualify as the leading team in the play-offs, by virtue of their four wins and a draw in pool matches, and the competition regulations pair them with the best third-placed team — Pontypridd.

The formula pits the second-best of the runners-up, Leicester, against the fifth-placed team, Glasgow, while the third-ranked club, Cardiff, will take on Llanelli in an all-Welsh affair. That could leave Scotland with no representative in the quarter-finals and Wales with only one.

English clubs won three of the five pools, but Harlequins, successful only on points difference from Cardiff in pool D, conceded home advantage by losing in Limerick. They will now go into the "away" bag for the quarter-final draw in Dublin tomorrow because Pau, with a points difference of 114, are exactly twice better off than the London team, who may still be kicking themselves for losing at home by a point to Cardiff eight days earlier.

HEINEKEN CUP PLAY-OFFS: Brive v Pontypridd; Leicester v Glasgow; Cardiff v Llanelli (to be played November 1-2)

☐ Bedford will relinquish eight of their 40 contracted players in a cost-cutting exercise. They include Peter Angelsea, the back-row forward signed from Orrell during the summer, after failing to attract crowds of more than 3,000.

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The nominal electrical capacity of the power station will remain at 1000 Megawatts (MW).

A copy of the application with plans showing the site to which it relates, an accompanying Environmental Statement and supporting information are available for inspection at the following locations during normal office hours; at the Planning Enquiry Desk of South Derbyshire District Council; Swadlincote Library; Burton Upon Trent Library.

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Date 7th October 1997.

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Objections to the application should be made in writing to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Electricity Directorate, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET, stating the name of the power station and the grounds for objection, not later than 28 November 1997.

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The Insolvency Act 1986
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IN THE HIGH COURT
NO 2670 OF 1997

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Act 1986, I, Peter John Forsey of Moriston Stoneham, Moriston House, 75 Springfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 6JB, and Melvyn Laurence Rose of Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Premier House, 112 Station Road, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 7TT hereby give notice that we were appointed as Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 20 August 1997.

Peter John Forsey
Joint Liquidator
30 September 1997

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Pursuant to section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 Rodgers Group Limited (the Company) hereby gives notice that:

* The Company approved by special resolution of the Company passed on 9th October 1997 pursuant to section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring 1,230,000 of its own Preference Shares at par value thereof.

* The amount of permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £1,230,000

* The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office at Riverside Works, Woodhead Road, Honley, Huddersfield, HD7 2PW, West Yorkshire.

* Any creditor of the Company may at any time prior to 13th November 1997 apply to the court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting payment.

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The Insolvency Act 1986
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 6th day of October 1997
By Order of the Board
Alec Archer, Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
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(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Peter Lomas of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 8th October 1997.

PETER LOMAS, Liquidator.

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RUGBY UNION

Pontypridd left to fret as Lyle leads Bath into last eight

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By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF PONTYPRIDD spent yesterday biting their fingernails, who could blame them? Progress in Europe means so much to the valley community and their failure to win at the Recreation Ground on Saturday left their Heineken Cup fate in the hands of the two pool B contenders, Swansea and Glasgow. Last season, they were denied a place in the knockout phase only on points difference, but now their hopes remain alive in the playoffs next month.

How different for Bath, who stride into the quarter-finals as pool C winners after a display that hinted at the glories of last spring. One try may seem tame reward, but the continuity that they placed on the game, only six days after their featureless display in Brive, brought a grim smile to the lips of Andy Robinson, their coach. "The great thing was the attitude with which the players went out in those wet conditions," he said. "They have the winning mentality back. Last season, the fear of losing came into our game. The call today was 'no fear'."

That so authoritative a display coincided with the return to form of Dan Lyle was significant. The American returned to Bath after the summer carrying a hamstring complaint and, sensibly, the club did not rush his return. He plagued Pontypridd on every front: at the lineout, in driving off the back of the scrums and in scoring Bath's try after a harassed Paul John sent a clearance into the rain-filled atmosphere and Lyle leaped highest to win the touchdown. On another day, Bath might have scored two or three more, but their finishing deserted them, helped by dogged defence by the Welsh club, who will not look back at this game with great affection.

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There was a lack of control from their half backs that accentuated the struggles that they perennially endure at set-pieces. In addition, Jason Lee, their wing, was taken to hospital for observation after a blow to the head. Yet they are growing used to hardship. They are bracing themselves for a return to Brive in the play-offs for their third encounter in six weeks with the cup-holders and for a further defence tomorrow of their erring No 8, Dale McIntosh.

McIntosh, sent off during the first game against Brive last month, appears before the European Rugby Cup directors charged with bringing the game into disrepute by his actions as he left the pitch. He is serving a month's suspension, has lost match fees and win bonuses and has been fined internally and reprimanded. "We feel he has been punished enough," Eddie Jones, the Pontypridd team manager, said. "If there is any question of a further suspension, we will fight it."

The club's lawyers have already applied for the lifting of legal restrictions that would prevent McIntosh, Phil John — recipient of a yellow card on Saturday — and André Barnard returning to play in the Brive area and are relaxed at the prospect. "It doesn't fill us with any trepidation at all," Jones said. "They are a very good rugby side when they play rugby — perhaps a better side than Bath, a little sharper behind."

Bath, though, possessed the patience with which the British Isles were imbued on tour in South Africa. They controlled the ball for long periods in masterly fashion and as Pontypridd's discipline cracked, so Callard's kicking accumulated the points. When the Welshmen fashioned a spendid 55-metre try for Wyatt, Bath merely returned to the attack and put themselves beyond reach.

SCORERS: Bath: Try: Lyle (35min). Penalty goals: Callard 5 (3, 21, 29, 38, 81). Dropped goal: Catt (69). Pontypridd: Try: Wyatt (67). Conversion: Jenkins. Penalty goal: Jenkins (18).

SCORING SEQUENCE (Bath first): 3-0, 3-3, 6-3, 9-3, 14-3, 17-3 (half-time), 17-10, 20-10, 23-10.

BATH: J Callard; J Sleightholme, P de Glanville, M Perry, A Adebayo; M Catt, A Nicol (rep: R Pellow, 21-23min, 75); D Hilton, A Long (rep: M Regan, 68), V Ubogu, M Haag, N Redman, R Earnshaw, R Webster (rep: E Peters, 68), D Lyle.

PONTYPRIDD: K Morgan (rep: A Barnard, 32); G Wyatt, D James, S Lewis, J Lee (rep: M de Maid, 75); N Jenkins, Paul John; N Eynon, Phil John (rep: J Evans, 70), M Griffiths (rep: A Metcalfe, 55), G Prosser, M Rowley (rep: S Roy, 57), M Spiller, M Williams, M Lloyd (rep: P Thomas, 40).

Referee: J Dume (France).

Guscott still in doubt

BATH are expected to make a statement today on the immediate playing future of Jeremy Guscott, which may rule him out of England's international programme next month.

The British Isles centre has not played this season, at first because of a broken forearm and then because of strained ligaments in his back. Bath are collating the latest medical reports on Guscott's condition and are likely to say when they hope he may return, although the player himself has consistently refused to set a target date.

England's next squad meeting is at Bisham Abbey on Wednesday and their first international, against Australia, is at Twickenham on November 15.

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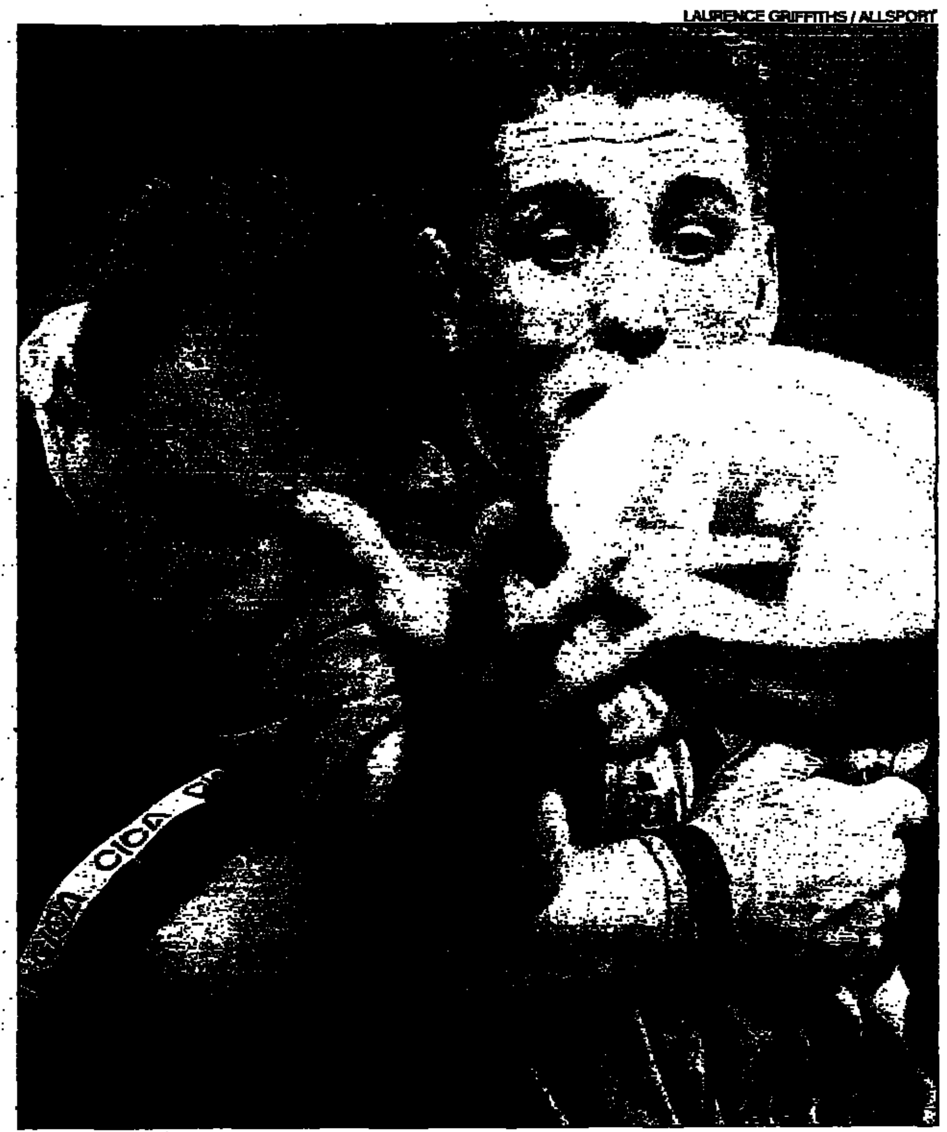

Lyle, the outstanding Bath player, attracts close attention from Eynon, of Pontypridd

Connacht exceed expectations

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By Nicolas Andrews

UNSUNG, unfancied Connacht are, deservedly, in the quarter-finals of the European Conference; unhappy, under-achieving Northampton are, deservedly, not.

Only a controversial penalty try in injury time of their game in Nice has prevented the Irish province advancing with a 100 per cent record from pool D. Connacht may already have exceeded their own expectations, but they need not stop now.

"They do the basics well, they deserved to go through," Ian McGeechan, the Northampton director of rugby, said. "I wouldn't write them off against anybody."

Warren Gatland, a former All Black appointed provincial coach by the Irish Rugby Football Union in August, has melded together a committed group of players. "If a side is going to beat us, they have got to play well," he said.

Northampton did not play well on Saturday. They dominated possession, but the driving rain made it one of those afternoons when having the ball in hand was not necessarily an advantage. Knock-ons, dropped passes and turnovers were the order of the day.

The final score owed much to the performances of the two fly halves. Eric Elwood, the only international in the Connacht line-up, created a delightful try in the 48th minute when he dummied, broke and passed to Junior Charlie.

Gregor Townsend had restored the Northampton lead in the 33rd minute and should have brought his side back into contention on the hour, but he chose to ignore the four men queueing up outside him for the scoring pass, then missed three kicks at goal.

SCORERS: Northampton: Tries: Townsend (33min), Bell (75). Conversion: Townsend. Penalty goal: Townsend (8). Connacht: Tries: Maher (26), Charlie (48), Carolan (54). Conversion: Elwood. Penalty goal: Elwood (19).

SCORING SEQUENCE (Northampton first): 3-0, 3-3, 3-8, 10-8 (half-time), 10-15, 10-20, 15-20

NORTHAMPTON: N Beal, C Moir, M Allen, A Blyth (rep: J Bell, 55min), B Cohen; G Townsend, M Dawson; M Volland, C Johnson, M Stewart, J Phillips, M Bayfield, S Barnes, A Pountney, D Merlin.

CONNACHT: W Ruane, N Barry, P Duignan, M Murphy, N Carolan, E Elwood, C McGuinness, J Maher, W Mulcahy, M Finlay (rep. M Cahill, 70), G Heaslip, M McConnell (rep. B Jackman, 72), B Gavin, J Charlie, S McEntee (rep. M Reilly, 41).

Referee: D Bevan (Wales)

Jarvis provides impetus for muted Cardiff

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By Gerald Davies

THE question for Cardiff is this: what would they do without Lee Jarvis at fly half? He scored 16 points on Saturday to give his team a victory the comprehensiveness of which is not fully reflected in the final score. Jarvis has now amassed 109 points out of Cardiff's total of 184 in the Heineken Cup.

In a competition in which English and French clubs are setting the pace — and are presumed to provide the eventual winners — Cardiff have the potential to be the exception. Apart from fly half and centre, they have considerable depth of reserve strength upon which to call. Yet they are, annoyingly, performing at less than full capacity. Watching them, you always expect more.

It was the case on Saturday. They had the measure of Bourgoin so soon that, after Jarvis had kicked the first of his four penalty goals and Justin Thomas had scored a try, the foundation had been well established for a handsome score with just 20 minutes on the clock.

The visitors were hardly in the contest at this stage, playing as if their minds were set on a quick journey home. As for Malafosse, he seemed intent on an early bath. He indulged himself in half a dozen aggressive incidents with the Cardiff players. Apart from his fierce tackle on Howley, which caused the scrum half to have four stitches in his eyebrow, none of the other incidents were too serious. Collectively, though, they riled the Cardiff crowd. With his long, straggly hair and hunched shoulders, Malafosse prowled the pitch like a dark messenger of unruly deeds.

Yet Cardiff, for all their possession, failed to mine a rich seam. There were occasions when they ignored penalty goal opportunities in the hope of manufacturing other scoring means. They did not and it was left to Jarvis to kick two more penalty goals to Geany's one by half-time.

Walker, on the left wing, made the crowd catch its breath each time he touched the ball. Sadly, this was always in confined space. Each time, with a shimmy here and a sidestep there, he created panic in the visitors' defence. If only Cardiff were capable at creating more time for him.

The home team's opening try — when it eventually came — was made by a beautiful piece of running by Gareth Jones. Geany and Jarvis had exchanged a penalty goal very early in the second half; a barren and difficult period followed. In the 75th minute, from a scrum 15 metres from the visitors' line, Jones, running from midfield on a wide, curving arch, moved to the blind side before straightening his line to score in the corner. Jarvis converted this second try from the touchline, as he had done the first.

Jarvis: invaluable

SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: Thomas (22min), Gareth Jones (75). Conversions: Jarvis 2. Penalty goals: Jarvis 4 (8, 26, 36, 53). Bourgoin: Penalty goals: Geany 2 (38, 47).

SCORING SEQUENCE (Cardiff first): 3-0, 10-0, 13-0, 16-0, 16-3 (half-time), 16-6, 19-6, 26-6

CARDIFF: R Ross, J Thomas, L Davies, Gareth Jones, N Walker; L Jarvis, R Howley (rep: J Hewlett, 39-40min); A Lewis (rep: P Booth, 77), J Humphreys (rep: H Bevan, 40-43), D Young (rep: L Mustoe, 78), J Tait, D Jones (rep: J Ringer, 76), G Kacala, Gwyn Jones, S Williams (rep: E Lewis, 62)

BOURGOIN: D Janin (rep: Y Bohu, 54), L Leflamand, G Cassagne, S Glas, L Saumer; N Geany, N Guilhot; O Milloud (rep: D Morgan, 64), J Martin-Culet (rep: F Grange, 72), P Peyron (rep: L Gomez, 64), M Cecillon (rep: J Daude, 64), F Mibelles, A Chazalet (rep: J Frier, 76), M Malafosse, P Raschi

Referee: L Mayne (Ireland).

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Jeremy Guscott on one of the great moments in British sport — and being dropped from the England team

'I prayed it wouldn't be charged down. I struck it cleanly . . .'

Typical. people said. Of all the dropped goals. in all the world. it had to be you. If you'd seen me spraying drop-kicks all over the pitch in training *during the previous week* — off the outside of my foot, off the inside of my foot, off the end of my toe — you would have bet as much money on me putting *it over as you* would on a one-legged man in a backside-kicking competition.

Did I know it would go over? No. No way. *I had* already sent one scudding wide about a foot off the *ground in the first international.* So why with the score tied at 15-15 in the second international, three minutes of normal time left to play, and a *historic series win for the* Lions at stake, did it fall to me of all people to do the honours?

Because I was there. As Fran Cotton would have said: "*Simple as that.*" Much as I might have felt like the wrong man in the right place, I was *there*, with the eyes of the 70,000 souls crammed into *King's Park*, Durban, drilling into my every movement.

The moment is frozen in *time in my memory. Probably* because freezing was what was most on my mind. As the ball drifted towards me through the arc of the floodlights everything seemed to happen in slow-motion. I dreaded its arrival. What if I *missed? How had it* happened?

I knew the answer to the second one: we had lifted the Springbok siege and had *started to counter-attack* strongly in the last ten minutes of the match. Woody [Keith Wood] *had* hacked the ball down the left-hand touchline as the massive Lions contingent roared him on in the Durban night. Gregor Townsend *had then driven for the* line but was hauled down inside the 22. Scott Gibbs drove in to help clear the ball at the ruck. The target was in our sights.

I had stepped inside to the fly-half position and knew that *we had no chance of an* overlap on the outside with two of our backs already committed. When the ball came back to Matt Dawson he *shaped to pass straight behind* him, but in an instant he looked at me. There was panic *in his eyes — and probably* mine too — but he realised what was on and managed to swivel round and get the ball away to me. It had to be done.

I knew where the posts were so I didn't have to look up. I concentrated purely on putting boot to ball and *kept my* head down. I prayed it wouldn't miss. I prayed it wouldn't be charged down. I struck it cleanly. The sense of *elation I felt when I eventually* looked up and saw the drop soar between the posts will stay with me for ever.

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Out of reach: Guscott drops the goal that won the second international, and the series, for the British Isles. Below, a moment later, with Scott Gibbs

Immediately the *Lions* supporters went ballistic, and the boys on the field *heaped* congratulations on me, but there were five minutes remaining in which we had to protect that 18-15 margin. Five minutes before *the 1997 Lions, the first* professionals, wrote their name large in British rugby's hall of fame. When the final whistle went, Fran Cotton found me with a bear-hug which nearly broke my ribs. If he had, it wouldn't have made a jot of *difference — I was on such* a high I was anaesthetised.

I couldn't believe it. We had won against the odds against the most arrogant rugby nation on earth. We had made history. All I wanted to do was soak up the atmosphere, to *drink in something that would* stay with all of the 1997 Lions for the rest of our lives. I also wanted to share it with my family and friends. After the *press conference was over* — you couldn't have wiped the smile off my face even if I'd been forced to eat a lemon — I phoned my wife Jayne at home in Bath with my three daughters, Imogen, Holly and Saskia. Saskia had been born *while I was away and I had* only seen photos of her for the first time that morning.

There was a hug outside the dressing-room from my mum, *Sue, who had come out for the* internationals, and then I called my dad, Henry, back *home in Bath. After I scored*

the match-winning try for the 1989 Lions in the second international in Brisbane he had been so pumped up that he walked down to my house, *which was being refurbished,* and smashed down a partition wall in about 30 seconds flat. *He was so excited he said,* "*This time I don't know whether to cry or be sick*".

After that I called my two lifelong mates from back home, Chalkie Wardell and Pete Blackett. *I got Pete on the* phone. There had been nine of them watching the match in his flat. Nathan Simms, another mate, had popped round to Pete's when there were ten minutes to go and said "Could you imagine if that bleeder *drops a goal to* win the game?" When they knew it was me on the end of the phone they went mad.

In retrospect, I'm pleased for the family and friends who had stuck by me through thick and thin, and for all my *colleagues, players and* management alike on tour and for the supporters who did us proud. Not only that, but pleased for the Lions, and for myself for having *had the* privilege to play for them.

There is nothing in rugby to *touch the Lions. Lions tours* are far more intense than playing for England — they provide a stage on which you can find a place in history. *They certainly provided me* with a world stage on which to play a leading role after an unpromising season.

Why was Carling given the vote?

WHEN Jack Rowell decided to pick *Will Carling* ahead of me for the five nations' championship *last season, he could* argue the pros and cons for either of us as players convincingly. In fact, *on one occasion, he did.* He said that over the previous two seasons a comparison *between the two* of us gave Will the edge because he was stronger than *I was in contact* situations. That's not something I'd disagree with because Will has always been good at taking the ball up, staying on his feet in *contact* and providing a target for his forwards, but it's all a matter of horses for courses, and if that's the game you decide to play, fine.

However, if you are talking about opening up and expanding your game, as Jack was, I think my record shows I can do that. Many pundits were of the *opinion* that Will and Phil de Glanville played similar games, and that you needed a different sort of player as a foil.

Whether these playing considerations weighed more heavily than "political" factors is another question. I don't suppose we will ever know whether Jack weighed up which axing would cause the greater furore. What I do know *is that as a former Bath* coach he was conscious of laying himself open to accusations of Bath favouritism.

I WASN'T the only one who was a little baffled by Jack's decision to leave me on the *bench, however — a point that* seemed to be underlined when I was picked as a centre for the Lions squad. This meant a huge amount to me.

As far as my *England* future is concerned, it will be very interesting to see what *happens* next. Will Carling may be out of the running but there is no shortage of midfield contenders. Before he was concussed badly towards *the end of the Lions tour,* Will Greenwood was playing very well. There's Phil, and me. *Who knows what comes next?*

In the end it all depends what the coach wants from his outside centre. Does he want someone who can finish off *what's been created on the* inside, or does he want what he had before? Put it this way, I'm not holding *my* breath.

Frustrations of life on the bench

For me the 1996-97 season began with a dip in fortunes, but ended on that *unbelievable high in Durban.* In between it was, in an England context, frustrating because *I spent most of the* time on the bench.

During the five *nations'* I managed the princely total of 43 minutes on the field. *Against Ireland, although a lot* was made of the three minutes Austin Healey and I were on, the hard work had already been done. I took the euphoria with a pinch of salt. *The Wales* game was different. When I saw that Jon Sleightholme was in trouble, my heart sank. Wing was the last place I wanted to go on, *because you* feel so exposed. I'd played there for Bath eight years earlier and hated it — I've done nothing worse in rugby. *So I went over and told him he* couldn't come off and tried to gee him up, but, when he told me he couldn't see out of his left eye, I knew the game was *up — and I was on.*

Once on the pitch, I didn't think too much about it. Whatever decisions I made in defence I made quickly and *stuck by them, and when I got* the ball I decided I was simply going to run into space. As it worked out things went extremely well, but give me centre any day. It was a charmed 40 minutes, even if I was like a scared cat running *purely on instinct.*

However, while all's well that ends well, the early signs *last season were not good.* During the summer a provisional England squad had been announced with a number of the old lags — myself, Dean Richards, Rory Underwood, Brian Moore, Will Carling, Jon Callard, Graham Dawe — all omitted. It amused me when I saw the form come through from the England *management* saying that we had been omitted on the grounds that they knew what *we could do. How that* made us any different from any of the others in the squad with ten or 15 caps — *presumably* they also knew what they could do — is *beyond me.*

However, that sort of approach is something you come to expect from the *RFU*, so, at the time I did not see it as a great setback and nor *did it* make me think, Oh crumbs, I'm determined to play really well this season *just to prove* people wrong. It was just *something I accepted.*

Obviously one of the main factors in my being relegated to the bench by England was the appointment of my Bath *colleague and centre partner,* Phil de Glanville, as captain of England. I used *to say to him,* "The only way you're going to get the England job is if you are captain, because there's no other way you're *going to get in*", and Phil used to smile in his knowing *sort of* way. Deep down Phil is very, very competitive and a strong-minded individual. In many ways the banter coming out was good because it dissolved some of the tension.

The day before it was announced *officially, he was on a* golf course with "Sleights" and Jon Callard but I already knew because Phil *had* phoned me up and said that Jack Rowell, the England coach who had *made his name* in the glory days at Bath, had made him captain. I congratulated him there and then, but I realised immediately that it was now a straight race between Will Carling and myself for the other centre position. If I'm honest, based purely on the way I'd been playing I thought I'd get the nod. I considered that it would also be *in* my favour that I'd been playing centre where Will had been playing fly half. A further factor was that I'd been playing outside centre for England and Bath where *Will normally* played inside centre.

> 'As soon as Jack Rowell called I knew I'd lost out to Will'

As soon as *Jack called me I* knew I had lost out to Will, because he *had* no other reason to call. "Hello," said Jack, and I thought, 'Oh yeah, it's you'. I was silent because I know Jack well from his years at Bath, and I know he always likes to put the emphasis *on others to do the* talking. He said: "We've picked Will." I maintained my silence. He said, "What are you doing — counting up to ten?" I think my answer was along the lines of "more like a thousand". And guess what? There and then, I couldn't be bothered to ask him why. The way I saw it, the decision had been *made in* selection and, disappointed as I was, no amount of explanation over the telephone was going to make me feel any better or change the situation.

Later that day I got a lift to training with Mike Catt, Callard, Sleights and Phil. Phil, who has an input in selection but no vote, had an inkling that I was out, because Jack had bounced it off him. I *admitted to them that I'd had* the phone call from Jack. Phil apart, the boys couldn't believe it. Phil, who was in a no-win situation, said: "So that's the way *he's gone — never mind.*" What else could he say?

When we got to England training at Bisham *Abbey Will* and I looked at each other and shrugged, as if to say, "So that's the way it is". I wasn't the only disappointed man at England *training that day.* Kyran Bracken had been ousted in favour of Andy Gomarsall — but my disappointment was different because *I was an experienced* player being dropped by his country for the first time. I can't measure it against *the* other setbacks I've had in life because, *quite simply, I don't* tend to dwell on them. But I do remember being surrounded by the massed ranks of *the* rugby media and vowing to *myself*, Terminator-style, "I'll be back".

The *most difficult question* to answer was the *one they all asked*: "Has Jack told you *why he left you* out?" As I mentioned, I hadn't *asked him* when he made the dreaded phone call. Subsequently, throughout the autumn *games I was hoping that* the moment would come when I could say to him, "Come on, give me *the real* reason why you left me out". That moment never arose, and to this day I don't know all *the whys* and wherefores.

Phil, Jack and I have a history — although I wasn't really involved: during the 1995 World Cup Phil gave Jack a really hard time *when there* were suggestions that I was off *form* and that he should be given his chance. I can understand his frustration because he had been *on the* bench for two seasons. Now I've been on it for one, and when I give him a hard time he *tells me*: "You just keep that bench warm."

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MARC ASPLAND

A moment of Guscott's inspiration against Wales in March

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

I have mentioned before that "side-suit first" is a good rule of thumb when the trump position is at all fragile. This example is *from the second match of this year's BBL Premier League.*

Dealer East **East-West game** **IMPs**

♠K84
♥10852
♦A7
♣Q753

♠Q7
♥K7
♦KQJ10952
♣KJ

N
W E
S

♠J109652
♥QJ9
♦864
♣4

♠A3
♥A643
♦3
♣A109862

S	W	N	E
Senior	Armstrong	Sheehan	Davies
—	—	—	Pass
1C	1D	2C	2D
2H	3D	3H	All Pass

Contract: Three Hearts by South. *Lead: king of diamonds*

I made a sensible bid and a poor one in this auction. I think it is *correct to bid* Two Clubs over One Diamond — if we have a heart fit we will find it on the next round; to bid hearts and then support clubs *if my partner does not have* hearts gives a distorted picture of my hand.

Over Three Diamonds, though, I should have bid Four Hearts — *Three Hearts* is consistent with a hand that does not have the king of *spades.*

In Three Hearts Senior won the first diamond and played ace *and another* club. *With the* hearts behaving he now made ten tricks. But why did he play on clubs before ducking a heart (incidentally the best technique in the heart suit is to duck one *round,* rather than play ace and another)?

Well, look what happens if East had had K Q J 9 of hearts and K J *of clubs. If declarer* plays hearts before clubs, East will win and continue hearts. Then when declarer plays ace and another club, East can *draw the remaining trumps* and cash the whole diamond suit.

But after ace and another club, declarer is in control. If *the defence* play another diamond he can then duck a heart, but even if the distribu*tion is the hypothetical one* above he later cashes ace of hearts, takes a spade ruff in *hand and runs* clubs — East makes only three hearts and a club.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Tilburg line-up

The line-up at the Tilburg tournament includes many of the world's top players, Viswanathan Anand and *Anatoly* Karpov being the main exceptions. Amongst the field, apart from the world's top two ranked players, Kasparov and Kramnik, were Britain's Michael Adams, Judit Polgar, Alexei Shirov, Joel Lautier and the player who used to be the world's youngest grandmaster, Peter *Leko. The first prize is approximately* £8,000. In today's games from Tilburg, opposite castling leads, in both cases, to a violent attack against the *enemy* king.

White: Alexei Shirov
Black: Loek van Wely
Tilburg, September 1997

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Be2	e5
7	Nb3	Be7
8	g4	h6
9	f4	exf4
10	Bxf4	Nc6
11	h3	Be6
12	Qd2	d5
13	0-0-0	dxe4
14	Qe3	Qc8
15	Nxe4	Nxe4
16	Qxe4	0-0
17	Kb1	f5
18	Qe3	Nb4
19	Bd3	fxg4
20	Be4	Bf5
21	Nd4	Bxe4
22	Qxe4	Qc4
23	b3	Qf7
24	Ne6	Rfc8
25	Nc7	Nxc2
26	Kxc2	Bg5
27	Bxg5	Rxc7+
28	Kb1	hxg5
29	hxg4	Rc6
30	Qh7+	Kf8
31	Rdh1	Rf6
32	Qh8+	Ke7
33	Re1+	Re6
34	Qxa8	Qg6+
35	Kc1	Black resigns

White: Peter Svidler
Black: *Shaked Tal*

Tilburg, September 1997

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e5	c5
5	a3	Bxc3+
6	bxc3	Qc7
7	Nf3	Ne7
8	h4	Bd7
9	h5	h6
10	Bd3	Ba4
11	0-0	Nd7
12	Rb1	0-0-0
13	Be3	Kb8
14	dxc5	Nxc5
15	Rb4	Bd7
16	Nd4	Ka8
17	Qg4	Nxd3
18	cxd3	Rhg8
19	Rfb1	b6
20	a4	f5
21	exf6	gxf6
22	Qf3	f5
23	a5	bxa5
24	Rb7	Qxb7
25	Rxb7	Kxb7
26	Nb3	Rg4
27	Nxa5+	Ka8
28	Bxh6	Rb8
29	g3	Rb5
30	Bf8	Rxa5
31	Bxe7	Be8
32	h6	Bg6
33	Qe3	Ra1+
34	Kg2	Ra6
35	Qc5	Kb7
36	Bd8	Black resigns

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SOGDIAN
a. A monophysite heretic
b. From Samarkand
c. A calcium crystallite

WAPPIE
a. A card game
b. A bamboo raft
c. A straw mattress

ZIGEUNER
a. An immigrant worker
b. An Alpine fiddle
c. A gypsy

SEHNSUCHT
a. An Austrian strawberry meringue
b. Without meaning
c. Wistful longing

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Benjamin — Christiansen, *US Championship 1997.*

In this endgame position, Black has deliberately left his pawn on c6 available for capture. He has calculated 1 Rxc6 Nxe5 2 Rxc8 Rxc8 3 dxe5 Rc1 mate and 1 Nxc6+ Kd6 and the white knight is pinned on the c-file. *What has he overlooked?*

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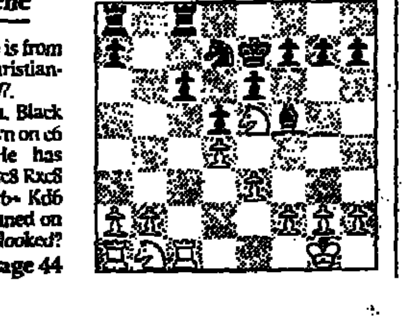

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Mark Herbert meets the young angler aiming to land a medal for England

Hooked on a feeling that could produce gold

Think of anglers on a beach and images spring to mind: solitary types, laden under rods and rucksacks, wearing anoraks and bobble-hats: men. Emma Davies wears the gear and carries the tackle, but one glance tells you she does not fit the stereotype.

She is 18. Her looks and youth draw comment, but her achievements are more remarkable. This week, when the world shore fishing championships come to Kent, perhaps England's strongest hope of winning an individual medal in the women's tournament rests upon her slim shoulders.

Angling may be a pastime when it concerns kids dabbling in rockpools with a bent pin and cork, but match fishing is a fiercely competitive sport. It is the cutting edge, where tackle and techniques are endlessly refined, secrets jealously guarded and where there is no substitute for experience and watercraft. Not a place, then, for a girl, particularly in an arena that can be stiflingly chauvinistic.

In fact, Davies loves it. This will be her second world championship: last summer, in Ireland, she became England's youngest international when, at 17, she trod the strands of Wicklow, helping the women's team to win the silver medal. She came eighth overall. The men won the team championship and Chris Clarke, who has surrendered his title to help organise this year's event, the individual gold.

Asked about her individual chances, Davies is guarded. Match fishing is a lottery, she explains; luck of the draw determines whether you get a peg teeming with fish, or a desert. "You think of the team first and last. Individual medals are just a bonus."

She carries a trump card, however. The championships are being held around Dover and Deal, her home town. Davies first became hooked, as it were, at the age of 11, while tagging along with her father Mick, a match angler of some standing locally, at competitions on these beaches.

Since her England place was confirmed last year, she has spent much of her spare time practising. Such an excuse to hang up a Gone Fishin' sign sounds like an idler's dream, but for her it has been the opposite. In June, she passed A levels, enabling her to start a degree course in industrial relations at the University of Kent once the championships finish and then took a part-time job to pay her way.

Catch of the day: Davies hauls a wrasse out of the rough ground during a practice session on Samphire Hoe, near Dover. Photograph: Chris Eades

We met at Samphire Hoe, the new concrete promenade under the cliffs of Dover created from spoil from the Channel Tunnel. She had given up the job a week before and begun serious training, chasing the tide day and night to glean tips and insight into every section of each championship venue. She took a wrasse with her first cast and followed it with a steady stream of fish.

Did the non-stop grind get her down? "I've been fishing every day for the past month," she said. "Time is flashing by and there are so many variables — weather, tides, conditions — that I get frustrated if I can't practise.

"It was the same in Ireland; you run on adrenalin all week. I was under pressure because of my age, but the team spirit was very good and they looked after me. When we won the silver [England's first women's world team medal], it was such an emotional moment. I'd love to win this time. It would make everything worthwhile."

Standing in the way are France, the champions. "They out-cast us in Ireland," she said. "That made the difference." Casting, the act of propelling the bait and sinker out to sea, has become a sport within a sport, one in which the top men can belt a 6oz lead weight more than 300 yards. The farther you cast, the more fish you reach, in theory. Mick and Steve Allmark, a Dover local who is in the England men's team, have been helping to improve her technique.

She pays tribute to her father, standing quietly in the background, who is her coach, mentor and paymaster. Her trip to Ireland last year cost him £1,000. Even on home ground, she has to pay £200 towards accommodation, entrance fees and bait. The world championships may be coming home, but they have received minimal backing. The England teams have a kit sponsor, but the £1,000-worth of rods, reels and accessories that Davies uses have been paid for from family coffers.

It is an ironic situation. She has reached the top in Britain's most popular sport, but because it has no organised voice, no household names, a dubious public profile and little financial clout, she is small fry on the grand sporting scale here. In the United States, where anglers, men and women, can make a good living from tackle endorsements, videos, magazine columns and big-money matches, she would be an icon.

DETAILS

Championship venues

MEN: Tomorrow: Samphire Hoe, nr Dover, 0900-1400hrs. Oct 15: Prince's Parade, Seabrook, 2000-0100. 16: Prince's Parade and Hythe, 2100-0200. 17: Sandwich, Sandown and Deal beaches, 2130-0200

WOMEN: Tomorrow: Deal and Sandown beaches, 1900-2300. Oct 15: Samphire Hoe, 1100-1500. 16: Prince's Parade, Seabrook and Hythe, 2100-0200. 17: Sandwich, Sandown and Deal beaches, 2130-0200

England teams

MEN: Alan Yates (Folkestone), Peter Owen (Folkestone), Steve Allmark (Dover), Bernard Westgarth (Neasham), Ian Golds (Portsmouth). Reserve: Trevor Rooney (Eastbourne)

WOMEN: Christine Carrington (Eastbourne), Rose Browning (Brighton), Pauline Ferry (Wallsend), Emma Davies (Deal), Jo Hyde (Paignton). Reserve: Carol Green (Bexhill).

There have been other struggles, too. "When I started, dad always fished next to me to make sure I was OK," she said, "but I began winning matches and people accused us of cheating, saying that he was helping me. Now I'm older, we don't fish competitions together. I'm still winning, so that's shut them up and now dad only gets stick when I beat him."

Yes, she admitted, it's an horrendously sexist sport. Men resent being beaten by a woman. No, it doesn't spoil her enjoyment. Yes, the language can be bad. No, it doesn't offend her. She's used to it. Yes, people say she'll grow out of fishing, go out, meet boys . . .

Has she?

"I have a good social life. I go down the pub or see friends when I want to," she says. Boyfriends? "I'm not seeing anyone at the moment. My fishing comes first. Not everybody understands that."

The tide has dropped and the fish have stopped biting. She stares out to sea, blue-grey eyes sweeping over blue-grey Channel waters. "This is what I love, the moments of peace and quiet after you've been concentrating so hard."

Her father drifts over, suggesting that it's time to go home. Dinner first, then a night session, fishing the tide up at Walmer Castle. A little wearily, she starts bundling up her rods and tackle, but the spring is back in her step as she marches down the prom. England expects.

Surrey bolster crusade to tap inner-city talent

By John Goodbody

SURREY have had one of the most fruitful youth coaching systems in county cricket over recent years. There were nine graduates from the Nescafé scheme in the Surrey squad this year, including the Hollioake brothers and Mark Butcher, all of whom were selected by England.

Yet the drive to popularise the sport in inner cities remains unceasing. The cricket season may have only just finished, but you would not have believed this at Granton Primary School, in Lambeth, last week, where, in autumnal sunshine, the first of six sessions was being held amid rare zest and interest.

Surrey have formally taken over responsibility for coaching in the South London boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark, Wandsworth and Croydon, a total of 320 primary, secondary and special needs schools. From this term, Surrey are directly helping to fund the development of the game in these schools.

Tony Moody, whose coaching experience stretches from Zimbabwe to South London, looks on the game as a unifying force. "I want youngsters to feel the joy that the game can bring, to understand cricket so that even if some of them don't play it in future, they still have an inkling of what the game is about. It is a transfer of interest from the mental to the spiritual," he said.

It is not easy introducing cricket to primary school children, although Granton, unlike many similar inner-city schools, at least possesses a grass area on site for sport. Mini-activities are constructed, rather than a formal game, with the emphasis on as much activity as possible. The object is not to let any of the children get bored. At Granton school, they certainly did not.

Amid whoops of joy, balls were bowled and caught and the youngsters queued up for their turn. Emma Nicholls, one of the teachers, said: "The children do see it as a treat having someone from outside the school. They enjoy the status of it."

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Gareth Townsend, the development officer for London with the Surrey Cricket Board, said: "The children's eyes light up when a coach walks into a school. They are ready to listen."

After the introductory six sessions by the visiting coach, the teacher is encouraged to continue the instruction, with the emphasis on the basic skills of catching and throwing. "What can kill the initiative is if everything is packed away after the visiting coach finishes his course," Townsend said.

Alex Townsend, 9, clearly revelled in the experience. "I am only OK at batting. I am better at bowling, but I have to bowl it so that the person batting is able to hit the ball, otherwise it is not much fun."

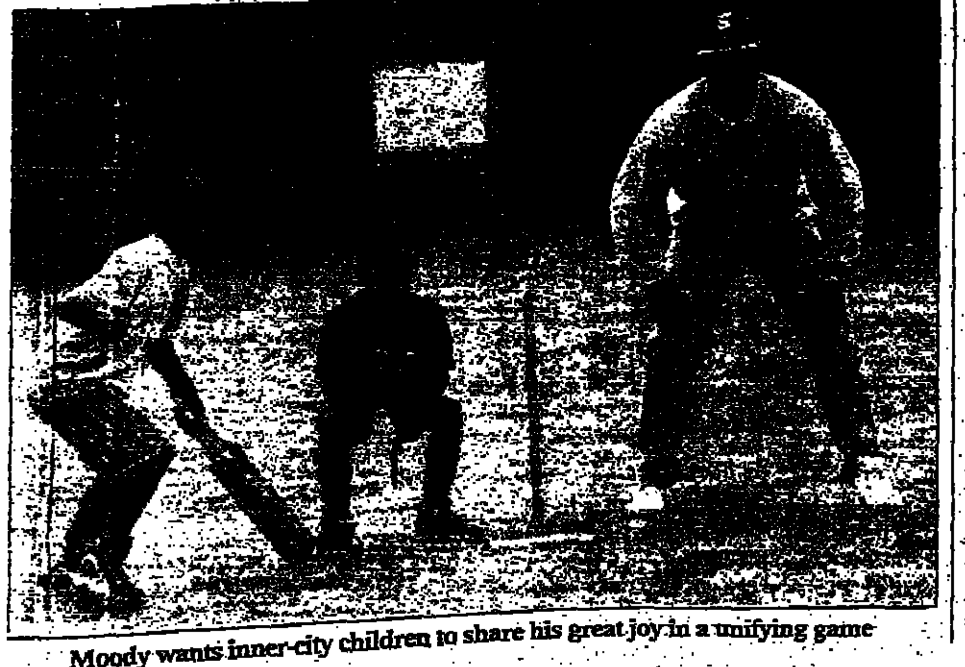
The scheme in inner London allows the identification of outstanding youngsters, who are then encouraged to attend the indoor cricket school once a fortnight at the Oval, as part of the Nescafé coaching scheme.

From September next year, in Southwark, there will be a scholarship system for outstanding youngsters from the feeder primary schools to attend Kingsdale Secondary School. Youngsters will be guaranteed a place and will also receive coaching at the Oval.

Townsend said: "The greatest difficulty within London is to get the progression between the ages of 12 and 18. Lambeth does not have a proper cricket ground, apart from the Oval, and so most of the teams are wandering ones. It is not always easy to tell little Johnny — or little Jane — where they can play."

To find the successors of the Hollioakes and Butchers is not the only task for Surrey and this inner-cities initiative. What is even more important is to encourage youngsters to acquire a feel for the sport, to understand the rapture that it can create.

ROBIN MAYES



Moody wants inner-city children to share his great joy in a unifying game

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SPEEDWAY

Hancock in double celebration

By Tony Hoare

GREG HANCOCK became only the fifth rider to take the world championship and British League riders' championship titles in the same season, at Odsal Stadium in Bradford on Saturday.

The league riders' championship matches the top rider from each of the ten Elite League clubs, plus six seeded riders. Hancock, from Coventry, qualified for the final in second place, behind Tony Rickardsson, but he was quickest from the start line in the decider and led all the way from the first turn.

In achieving the double, Hancock emulated Erik Gundersen, his former Cradley Heath team-mate, who achieved the feat 12 years ago. Barry Briggs, Ole Olsen and Hans Nielsen are the others to win the double since the riders' competition was launched in 1965.

Hancock, 27, said: "I thought: 'Wow, I've made the history books.' I'm pleased with that, because this is a prestigious event; it's a title that is very hard to get a hold of. Billy Hamill has led the averages all season and hasn't won."

Hamill, second in the world championship, behind his Team Exide partner, was leading the semi-final and seemed on course for a place in the decider when his engine blew up. "My bikes have been reliable and that was my first blow-up of the season," Hamill said. He added that the Italian-made GM engine was beyond repair. "It's always disappointing to lose, but it is worse when it's something like that."

Yet Hamill was fortunate to qualify for the semi-final at all after being excluded from his second ride for touching the starting tape as he tried to anticipate the start. He also ran last in his third outing, but three brilliant wins in his other rides saw him through.

Rickardsson, the Swedish rider who signed for Ipswich midway through the season and was seeded to the event after an impressive run of form, finished second. Chris Louis fought his way past Simon Wigg, of King's Lynn, who was a surprise qualifier for the final, to take third place.

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Junior tour expands further

Mel Webb explains why young golfers will be playing on three Open courses

THE DEVELOPMENT of the Daihatsu Junior Golf Tour (JGT) into one of the country's leading competitions for young golfers is to take another step forward in 1998. For the first time, a Scottish regional tour is to be played, another first is the inauguration of a girls' tour and the itineraries, just announced, reveal that even more of the United Kingdom's best courses are to be visited by players in the five circuits within the overall tour.

It has become almost commonplace for the JGT, which will again be run in association with The Times, to call at some of the greatest courses in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, but next year will be the best yet. Players on the national tour will play on three Open Championship courses — Royal Birkdale will be played less than a fortnight after the Open finishes.

"Any professional golfer would be happy to be playing on the courses that we will be visiting next year," Colin Springate, the tournament director, said. "It is a testament to the behaviour of the boys who have played on the tours to date that these clubs are happy to welcome us. Word has clearly got around that the JGT is something that clubs should be happy to be associated with."

David Leadbetter, the patron of the Tour, has been anxious for some time that a circuit should be set up for girls and, after two successful pilot tournaments this year, Springate has now set up a four-tournament circuit for them. The girls' tour will consist of 42 players, who will be asked to play in three out of the four tournaments, and they will have a separate competition in the Tournament of Champions event to be held at Chart Hills, in Kent, in November next year.

Springate has also responded to a clear demand for a tour from young Scottish players. Unlike the boys' tours in England, which have 72 players in each division, the Scottish division will offer places to 60 players and, if the English model is an indicator, it will be healthily over-subscribed.

Springate, who ran the JGT at his own expense until Daihatsu became involved for the first time this year, is convinced that the standards of behaviour that have been set by players in the JGT is a prime reason for clubs' willingness to stage tournaments. Players are not allowed to smoke during JGT events, they are not allowed to drink alcohol or play on gaming machines and the only earrings that will be seen will be worn by the girls. "Junior golfers haven't always had the best reputation and by setting high standards we hope we can do something to break down the prejudice," Springate said.

Entry qualifications for the four boys' tours are that prospective players should be single-figure handicap members of golf clubs and that they will be 18 or under on January 1, 1998. Applicants for the girls' tour will be the same, except that they need to have a handicap of 20 or under.

Anybody interested in playing on any of the English tours should write to the Daihatsu Junior Golf Tour at PO Box 3227, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 8YN, while Scottish applicants should apply to the tour at PO Box 14468, Glenrothes, Scotland KY6 3YE. All applicants should enclose a first-class stamped addressed A4 envelope. Information and entry packages will be sent out from November 1.

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1998 SCHEDULE

NATIONAL TOUR: April 20: Turnberry (Ailsa Course). June 29: Hillside. July 12: St Andrews (Duke's Course). July 30: Royal Lytham and St Annes. Aug 3: Royal Birkdale. Aug 17: The London Club. Aug 27: The Buckinghamshire. Sep 22: Chart Hills. Oct. 12: Gleneagles. Oct 26: Celtic Manor.

NORTHERN TOUR: April 14: Mere. May 11: Royal Liverpool. June 30: Slaley Hall. July 9: The Wynyard Club. Aug 4: Seaton Carew. Aug 21: Portal. Aug 28: Formby. Oct 30: Pannal.

SOUTHERN TOUR: April 12: Mannings Heath. May 22: Foxhills. July 2: Hever. July 28: Chart Hills. Aug 14: Moor Park (High Course). Aug 24: Frilford Heath. Sep 11: Royal Cinque Ports. Oct 27: The Buckinghamshire.

SCOTTISH TOUR: April 21: Lundin. June 22: Murrayshall. July 15: Ladybank. Aug 6: Royal Burgess Golfing Society. Aug 17: Blairgowrie. Aug 25: St Andrews (Duke's Course). Sep 8: Glenbervie. Oct 13: Sudo Castle.

GIRLS TOUR: June 25: Hever. July 20: The Warwickshire. Aug 10: Bentham Broom. Aug 20: Portal Premier.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS: Nov 7-8: Chart Hills.

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THE TIMES/DILLONS FORUM

An evening with Kevin Keegan

TIMES readers are invited to a Times/Dillons forum on Thursday October 16 in London with Kevin Keegan, the former manager of Newcastle United. Keegan, who was also an England international footballer, will be the star speaker on a panel which will include Oliver Holt, football correspondent of The Times. Among the topics for discussion are details of Keegan's sudden departure from Newcastle last season, his views on modern management, his return to football with Fulham and England's World Cup prospects.

The forum marks the publication of Keegan's *My Autobiography* (Little Brown £16.99) and will be held at Westminster Central Hall, Storey's Gate, London SW1 at 7.30pm. Admission price is £10 (concessions £7.50) and includes £2 off the price of the book. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to put questions to him.

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RACING: O'BRIEN-TRAINED COLT OVERCOMES STRIKE DELAYS AND TESTING CONDITIONS

Second Empire extends influence

FROM CHRIS MCGRATH
AT LONGCHAMP

ED BYRNE

Second Empire and Kinane leave Charge D'Affaires toiling in the group one Grand Criterium over a mile at Longchamp yesterday

UNABASHED by the imperious Peintre Celebre, Second Empire yesterday became the second colt in a week to claim the Bois de Boulogne as his own dominion. The unbeaten Irish juvenile preserved his record in the Grand Criterium, matching his undoubted flair with a gritty ambition that entitled Ladbrokes to cut its 2,000 Guineas favourite to 3-1 from 5-1.

Autumn is the season that most reminds us of the effervescence of nature's glories — and, having been afforded one fleeting glimpse of brilliance on a golden afternoon just seven days earlier, it seemed a bit greedy to expect more of the same in the driving rain and cloying mud yesterday.

Sure enough, Second Empire could only hint at the flamboyance that had characterised his previous visit here for the Prix des Chenes last month. The Criterium had been delayed by three hours because of a stable lads' strike, 50 vehicles having blockaded the exit of horseboxes from Chantilly. But if anyone was entitled to protest about working conditions, it was Second Empire himself.

Michael Kinane, his jockey, confirmed that he "hated the ground" — but the Fairy King colt nonetheless quickened discernibly and decisively to seize the initiative from Alboostan over a furlong out. Charge D'Affaires, who has rubbed shoulders so laboriously with the top French colt, Xaar, went in pursuit. But he could offer no other challenge than, indirectly, to Xaar, who tackles the Thoroughbred Corporation Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday.

On a day when it would have been entirely excusable to be thinking in terms of towels, Second Empire had thrown down only the gauntlet. The next three in Ladbrokes' 2,000 Guineas betting contest the Dewhurst: Daggers Drawn, quoted at 5-1 for next spring, Xaar (6-1) and Central Park (10-1).

Aidan O'Brien, Second Empire's trainer, said: "He nearly broke the course record here on faster ground, but couldn't show why here. Yet he quickened and Mick never touched him. He's a class act."

There is now an air of conviction about the young Irishman's quest for a first British classic. He protested that he would be "too frightened" to work Second Empire with King Of Kings, but it is difficult to imagine yesterday's winner — such a competitive animal — sharing those sentiments.

Second Empire duly sustains the remarkable venture of Michael Tabor, whose extravagant alliance with Coolmore has yielded a succession of top-class performers. A month ago, their horses dominated the ante-post classic picture, but defeat since for Kilimanjaro and Arkadian Hero, and surgery for King Of Kings, had put the pressure firmly on Second Empire.

Tabor and his team know that, every now and then, it all falls into place — as when Entrepreneur justified a winter of talk in this year's Guineas. But he, too, has since become a fallen idol. He failed in the Derby but deceived connections that the embers still glowed, before finally turning their dreams to ashes at Ascot a couple of weeks ago.

A lesson in the fragile brilliance of a racehorse, he has now been retired to stud at Coolmore, Michael Stoute unwavering in his conviction that he had trained "an exceptional colt".

Likewise off to enjoy the fruits of his labours is Royal Applause, who lent some distinction to a mediocre season for sprinters — particularly when racing over six furlongs. Scintillating in the Haydock Park Sprint Cup, he confirmed himself vulnerable over the minimum trip in the Prix de l'Abbaye, though signing off with a very fine third. He is off to the Queen's Sandringham stud in Norfolk.

The royal colours are to be carried in the Melbourne Cup by Arabian Story, but he will no longer be accompanied by Clerkenwell. Anthony Stroud, Sheikh Mohammad's racing manager, said: "He won't run as he scoped badly on Saturday. It's disappointing, because he looked the right sort of horse for the race and had a good preparation. We thought he had a good weight, and it would have been a new challenge, a new frontier."

Another of the Sheikh's best horses to miss his autumn target because of a setback was Stowaway, an eleventh hour scratching from the St Leger. He has been supplemented, at a cost of £24,000, to the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday in an attempt to retrieve some of his owner's lavish sponsorship.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TARXIEN
(4.00 Leicester)
Next best: Abuhail
(3.00 Leicester)

Dr Fong supplies winning formula

DR FONG stamped himself as a horse to keep in mind for next season's big races with his victory in the listed McGee Group Autumn Stakes at Ascot on Saturday. Despite encountering much softer ground than he had for his first race, he defeated Equity Princess by half a length.

Equity Princess was the early leader and regained the advantage turning into the straight, but was gradually worn down by the Henry Cecil-trained winner. "He did well," Cecil said. "He is very green but potentially quite nice. The race should improve him. He'll be put away now to next year."

Cecil reported that Daggers Drawn, who puts his unbeaten record to the test in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday, is in top form. "He is working nicely. Now that the ground has changed he is really letting himself go. He was looking after himself before. I'm encouraged by him."

Craigsteel, who tired when beaten in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot 15 days ago, was nominated by Cecil as his candidate for the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster on Saturday week.

Cecil will not run Dushyantor in the Canadian International in Toronto this weekend as the colt is off-colour with a temperature. "I'm sure he'll be all right for a race like the Japan Cup later in the year," Cecil added.

☐ The Tote jackpot pool reached £490,458.07 at Ascot on Saturday and was shared between 6.23 winning tickets. The dividend to a £1 stake was £55,894.90.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER
2.10 Faustino. 2.40 Connaught Cracker. 3.10 Amlah. 3.40 Gerry's Pride. 4.10 Northern Starlight. 4.40 Harlequin Walk.

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2.10 WINNING POST RESTAURANT NOVICES CHASE (£2,805: 2m 5f 110yd) (4 runners)

1	-3F1	FAUSTINO 14 (F) P Hobbs 5-11-3	R Dunwoody
2	422-	COOL WEATHER 161 (B) C Popham 9-10-12	Mr O McPhail (7)
3	255-	THURSDAY NIGHT 172 (S) P Nicholls 6-10-12	T J Murphy
4	25-3	STRATTON FLYER 128 H Howe 7-10-7	B Powell

11-10 Faustino, 15-8 Thursday Night, 4-1 Cool Weather, 8-1 Stratton Flyer

2.40 BANANA BOAT NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,232: 2m 1f) (8)

1	PF-	BOIRE ENSEMBLE 233P R Frost 5-10-12	J Frost
2	255/	CONNAUGHT CRACKER 641 P Hobbs 7-10-12	R Dunwoody
3	P-45	MUSIC CLASS 14 (B) R Baker 6-10-12	V Slattery
4	45P-	SMART LORD 198 (BF) M R Bosley 6-10-12	I Lawrence
5	0-	WILD NATIVE 235 P Nicholls 5-10-12	T J Murphy
6	000-	FOLESCLAVE 198 J King 5-10-7	J Culloty
7	06-P	INDIAN CROWN 6 (B) R Thomson 7-10-7	S Burrough
8	15-	VINTAGE CLASSIC 229 (G) R Buckler 6-10-7	B Powell

6-5 Connaught Cracker, 7-2 Wild Native, 9-2 Smart Lord, 11-2 Vintage Classic, 10-1 Folesclave, 14-1 Boire Ensemble, Music Class, 25-1 Indian Crown

3.10 DAVID VIGGERS COAL MERCHANTS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,323: 2m 110yd) (5)

1	U6P-	BORO VACATION 153 (D,F,G,S) P Nicholls 8-12-0	T J Murphy
2	/43-	NORTHERN SADDLER 334 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 10-11-8	R Dunwoody
3	-112	AMLAH 30 (BF,D,F,G) P Hobbs 5-11-6	B Powell
4	-1FP	CASPIAN BELUGA 14 (CD,F) S Knight 9-10-10	G Upton
5	221-	CHICKABIDDY 333 (F,G) G Edwards 9-10-0	R Johnson

11-10 Amlah, 7-2 Caspian Beluga, 4-1 Northern Saddler, 8-1 Boro Vacation, Chickabiddy.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ayr: 2.20 Lady From Limerick. 4.20 Northern Flash, Silver Pearl. 4.50 Hidden Agenda. Leicester: 3.30 Pianist, Gay Abandon. 4.00 Absolute Liberty. 4.30 Wild Sky. Newton Abbot: 2.40 Music Class.

3.40 REDSKINS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,211: 2m 6f) (7)

1	330-	MERAWANG 214 P Nicholls 4-11-11	L Cummins (5)
2	1311	GERRY'S PRIDE 8 (D,F,G) J Mullins 6-10-8	A Maguire
3	2245	BLUE ROSETTE 15 (BF) M Sheppard 6-10-0	R Thornton (3)
4	P-P1	TOMMY COOPER 24 (F) Mrs B Waring 6-10-0	E Byrne
5	P60-	MU-TADIL 12F R Baker 5-10-0	V Slattery
6	0PP/	HILLSWICK 18F J King 6-10-0	T J Murphy
7	00-6	SIERRA NEVADA 31 R Hawke 6-10-0	C Maude

4-5 Gerry's Pride, 7-2 Merawang, 7-1 Tommy Cooper, 12-1 Blue Rosette, 14-1 Hillswick, 16-1 Mu-Tadil, 20-1 Sierra Nevada.

4.10 SAPPHIRE & DIAMOND NOVICES CHASE (£2,860: 2m 110yd) (6)

1	1P-1	ASHWELL BOY 15 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 6-11-5	R Dunwoody
2	0P-	MASTER BOMBER 300 R Alner 6-10-12	A Thornton
3	536-	MORSTOCK 214 (D,G) R Hodges 7-10-12	T Dascombe (3)
4	1F1-	NORTHERN STARLIGHT 140 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-10-12	A P McCoy
5	/56-	POOH STICK 215 R Frost 7-10-12	J Frost
6	66-3	THE EXECUTOR 20 (BF,F) R O'Sullivan 7-10-12	D O'Sullivan

4-6 Ashwell Boy, 7-4 Northern Starlight, 14-1 Morstock, 25-1 Master Bomber, The Executor, 33-1 Pooh Stick.

4.40 IRISH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,953: 2m 1f) (7)

1	4P11	ALMAPA 11 (D,F) R Hodges 5-11-10	T Dascombe
2	-F21	GAME DILEMMA 24 (D,F,G) J Mullins 6-11-7	David Turner (7)
3	10P-	TOP SKIPPER 198 (G,S) V Greenway 5-11-3	L Cummins
4	/55-	HARLEQUIN WALK 12F (D,G) R O'Sullivan 6-11-2	R Thornton
5	5/36	COOCHIE 11 (D,F) R Baker 6-10-9	P Henley
6	0363	MISS SOUTER 49 (CD,F,S) H Howe 8-10-4	Sophie Mitchell
7	/PP/	TAILSPIN 684 (B) Mrs J Scrivens 12-10-0	J Harris (3)

13-8 Game Dilemma, 3-1 Almapa, 7-2 Harlequin Walk, 11-2 Miss Souter, 13-2 Top Skipper, 12-1 Coochie, 25-1 Tailspin

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Hobbs, 50 winners from 170 runners, 29.4%; M Pipe, 101 from 378, 26.7%; P Nicholls, 35 from 138, 25.4%; J King, 4 from 25, 16.0%; R O'Sullivan, 5 from 32, 15.6%; R Hodges, 17 from 157, 10.8%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 53 winners from 165 rides, 32.1%; R Dunwoody, 60 from 188, 31.9%; A Maguire, 15 from 73, 20.5%; A Thornton, 13 from 71, 18.3%; T J Murphy, 6 from 33, 18.2%; C Maude, 16 from 119, 13.4%; R Johnson, 5 from 39, 12.8%; Sophie Mitchell, 3 from 26, 11.5%.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: heavy

2.00 (1m) 1. Dr Fong (K Fallon, 9-4); 2. Equity Princess (9-2); 3. Rabah (9-2). Evening World (4th) 7-4 fav. 4 ran. ½l, 12l. H Cecil. Tote £2.70. DF: £4.40. CSF £9.62.

2.30 (5f) 1. Halmahera (Martin Dwyer, 8-1); 2. Lord Kintyre (6-1); 3. Ella (8-1). Land Of Dreams 4-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Regal Revolution. 4l, 5l. I Balding. Tote £8.30; £3.10, £2.50, £2.20. DF £16.80. Trio £82.70. CSF £52.10.

3.00 (1m 4f) 1. Delilah (O Peslier, 4-1); 2. Snow Princess (5-2 fav); 3. Saaleya (11-2). 7 ran. 3l, nk. M Stoute. Tote £3.40; £1.90, £1.60. DF £3.40. CSF £12.15.

3.35 (5f) 1. Dancethenightaway (J Reid, 20-1); 2. Ansellman (10-1); 3. Patsy Grimes (13-2). Surprise Mission 7-2 fav. 13 ran. Nk, 1½l. B Meehan. Tote £16.10; £2.60, £2.90, £2.00. DF: £76.30. Trio £92.70. CSF £178.79. Tricast £900.57.

4.10 (1m 2f) 1. Alezal (S Sanders, 4-1); 2. Cugina (9-2); 3. Lomberto (14-1). Winter Romance 3-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: Danish Rhapsody, Eshtiaal, Heritage. ½l, 2l. W Jarvis. Tote £5.90; £1.90, £1.30, £2.90. DF: £10.30. Trio £49.10. CSF £19.77. Tricast: £204.23.

4.40 (7f) 1. La-Faah (R Hills, 7-4 fav); 2. Batswing (10-1); 3. Chips (5-2). 5 ran. 3l, 7l. B Hills. Tote £2.40; £1.70, £2.40. DF: £8.70. CSF £16.76.

5.15 (1m) 1. Rock Falcon (D McKeown, 14-1); 2. O Factor (7-1); 3. Zurs (11-1); 4. Sycamore Boy (12-1). Myrtle Quest 4-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Desert Track, Dummer Golf Time, Welton Arsenal. 2l, 10l. Lady Herries. Tote £30.20; £5.60, £2.20, £2.60, £3.10. DF £230.80. Trio: £424.50. CSF £106.17. Tricast £707.56.

Jackpot: £55,894.90.

Placepot: £691.10.

Quadpot: £57.30.

Bangor

Going: good

2.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1. Toby (L Wyer, 8-1); 2. Jennie's Prospect (33-1); 3. Young Dalesman (12-1). Johnny-K (5th) 9-4 fav. 11 ran. Sh hd, 7l. G Richards. Tote £8.80; £2.30, £5.80, £2.40. DF £117.80. Trio £331.40. CSF £215.86.

2.40 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1. Coolteen Hero (P Holley, 5-2); 2. Fed On Oats (2-1 fav). Only two finished. 4 ran. NR: Sigma Run. 8l. R Alner. Tote £2.80. DF: £2.30. CSF £7.34.

3.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1. Thrower (C Maude, 8-1); 2. Soldier Mak (7-1); 3. Saint Ciel (9-4 fav). 8 ran. NR: Vintage Taittinger. 12l, 14l. S Brookshaw. Tote £7.50; £1.80, £1.90, £1.40. DF: £26.60. Trio £24.90. CSF £49.89. Tricast £131.64.

3.40 (3m 110yd ch) 1. Top Javalin (R Greene, 4-1); 2. Beyond (7-2); 3. Ghia Gneuiagh (10-1). Real Tonic 13-8 fav. 6 ran. 7l, 12l. N Hawke. Tote: £7.00; £3.10, £1.50. DF £12.40. CSF £17.18.

4.15 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1. Latest Thyne (B Fenton, 6-1); 2. Forest Feather (12-1); 3. Royal York (7-4 fav). 8 ran. Hd, 2½l. T Forster. Tote £6.70; £1.60, £2.20, £1.20. DF £28.60. CSF: £63.03.

4.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1. Follow De Call (T Jenks, 10-1); 2. Rythm Rock (10-11 fav); 3. The Secret Seven (66-1). 9 ran. 2½l, 13l. D McCain. Tote £7.00; £2.00, £1.10, £10.10. DF £7.00. Trio £202.60. CSF: £18.04.

5.25 (2m 1f flat) 1. Jaquies Glen (R Dunwoody, 8-1); 2. Bowl Of Gold (8-1); 3. Redhanded (50-1). Curradutt Mcfi 4-6 fav. 18 ran. 4l, 2½l. P Hobbs. Tote £12.10; £2.30, £2.50, £26.90. DF £42.10. Trio: not won. CSF £71.16.

Placepot: £321.50 Quadpot: £8.10.

Hexham

2.20 1. Pebble Beach (9-4); 2. Givemeyourhand (20-1); 3. Hobkirk (9-2). Mister Ross 4-5 fav. 10 ran. NR: Eternal City.

2.50 1. Eponine (8-11 fav); 2. Ibn Masirah (6-4); 3. Fortune Hunter (40-1). 7 ran.

3.20 1. Paparazzo (9-2); 2. Aristodemus (33-1); 3. Super Guy (14-1). Battery Fired 9-4 fav. 9 ran.

3.55 1. Palamon (2-1); 2. Flying North (7-4); 3. Jamaican Flight (6-4 fav). 6 ran.

4.25 1. Classic Contact (4-1); 2. Tighter Budget (13-8 fav); 3. Walls Court (10-1). 7 ran.

4.55 1. Dont Forget Curtis (25-1); 2. Scarba (9-2); 3. Jubran (3-1). Ballindoo 2-1 fav. 7 ran. NR: Menaldi.

Worcester

2.25 1. Captain Marmalade (5-1); 2. Grand Applause (10-1); 3. Fontanays (7-2). Margi Boo 100-30 fav. 11 ran. NR: Aldington Chapple.

2.55 1. The H'Penny Marvel (20-1); 2. Pharare (11-10 fav); 3. Coq Hardi Dancer (5-1). 7 ran. NR: Cool Weather, Mr Strong Gale.

3.25 1. Cassio's Boy (11-2); 2. Skram (10-1); 3. Euphoric Illusion (11-2). Bamapour 2-1 fav. 8 ran.

4.00 1. Indian Run (4-1); 2. Spring Sunrise (5-1); 3. Supermick (5-2). Dr Rocket 7-4 fav. 5 ran. NR: Freno.

4.30 1. Destin D'Estruval (4-9 fav); 2. Monks Soham (100-30); 3. Andrelot (5-1). 3 ran. NR: Fine Thyne, Lake Of Loughrea.

5.00 1. Sienna Creek (3-1); 2. Prairie Minstrel (5-1); 3. Whatawhile (11-4 fav). 9 ran. NR: Sound Appeal.

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THUNDERER
1.30 Water's Edge. 2.00 BOLD FAITH (nap). 2.30 Alfahaal. 3.00 Asakir. 3.30 Hiding Place. 4.00 Tarxien. 4.30 Wild Sky. 5.00 La Nuit Rose.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Asakir.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.30 EBF HARE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,249: 7f 9yd) (14 runners)

101	(4)	5	ASTRAPI 16 M Stoute 8-11	J Reid	[illegible]
102	(2)	0	CALEDONIAN EXPRESS 21 J Dunlop 8-11	T Sprake	72
103	(9)		CHOCOLATE BOX W Haggas 8-11	F Lynch	–
104	(14)	0	HOT TOPIC 27 P Kelleway 8-11	J Weaver	41
105	(10)	03	ONLY IN DREAMS 9 B Meehan 8-11	M Tebbutt	68
106	(13)	00	OUR MOLLY MALONE 20 D Morley 8-11	J Stack	73
107	(11)	0	PIXELATED 34 D Loder 8-11	R Cochrane	68+
108	(1)		PRECISION FINISH J Cullinan 8-11	D O'Donohoe	–
109	(5)	00	ROBANNA 21 R Akehurst 8-11	S Sanders	68
110	(12)		SWINGTIME A Foster 8-11	R Perham	–
111	(6)	340	TAJMIL 53 W Hern 8-11	R Hills	82
112	(7)	0	WATER'S EDGE 26 G Wragg 8-11	M Hills	39
113	(8)	05	WOODLANDS PRIDE 77 M Chapman 8-11	S Carson (7)	52
114	(2)	0	WROUGHT IRON 86 M Bell 8-11	M Fenton	32

11-4 Astrapi, 7-2 Caledonian Express, 9-2 Pixelated, 11-2 Only In Dreams, 8-1 Robanna, Tajmil, Water's Edge, 14-1 others

2.00 SHELDUCK FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,561: 1m 8yd) (20)

201	(10)	4285	FIRST CHANCE 10 D Elsworth 3-9-11	R Ffrench (3)	68
202	(17)	5304	LITERARY 15 J Gosden 3-9-10	L Dettori	65
203	(4)	0133	VIVA VERDI 68 (BF,D,G) J Dunlop 3-9-9	T Sprake	65
204	(16)	0000	FLYING COLOURS 91 C Benstead 3-9-7	A McGlone	40
205	(5)	3552	MISTY POINT 16 (BF) I Balding 3-9-6	M Hills	54
206	(1)	6300	ELIZA 26 Lord Huntingdon 3-9-6	J Reid	45
207	(14)	5024	QUEEN'S INSIGNIA 51 (D,F,G,S) P Cole 4-9-4	T Quinn	69
208	(6)	4430	SMART SPIRIT 9 Mrs M Reveley 3-9-4	J Fortune	50
209	(11)	0126	RACING HEART 63 (BF,D,F) P Makin 3-9-0	R Hills	67
210	(20)	5000	AL REET 5 (S) S Bowring 6-8-13	C Teague (3)	67
211	(15)	0004	CRISSEM 23 (F) R Hollinshead 4-8-10	F Lynch	71
212	(19)	3020	OXBANE 19 C Dwyer 3-8-9	R Mullen (5)	71
213	(18)	0014	BOLD FAITH 15 (S) W Musson 4-8-8	R Cochrane	65
214	(13)	3130	SNOWY MANTLE 51 (D,F) J Bethell 4-8-8	J Weaver	70
215	(9)	0044	RUMBUSTIOUS 63 (D,F,G) R Hannon 3-8-7	Dane O'Neill	[illegible]
216	(3)	5421	KATIE KOMAITE 5 (V,D) J Wilson 4-8-7	A Mackay	72
217	(12)	0520	TAEL OF SILVER 13 (F,G) A Bailey 5-8-6	F Norton	69
218	(2)	0100	PRIMELTA 17 (F) R Akehurst 4-8-6	S Sanders	55
219	(8)	0000	MAYFLOWER 21 (V) M Tompkins 3-8-6	D Biggs	52
220	(7)	4001	PERPETUAL LIGHT 9 (G) J J Quinn 4-8-4	S Drowne	66

6-1 Viva Verdi, 7-1 Misty Point, Bold Faith, 8-1 Katie Komaite, 9-1 Racing Heart, 10-1 Literary, Queen's Insignia, Perpetual Light, 12-1 others

2.30 BADGER LIMITED STAKES (£3,183: 1m 8yd) (20)

301	(13)	5300	ALFAHAAL 12 (D,F) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-6	J Reid	69
302	(10)	2003	ZERMATT 9 (D,F,S) M Usher 7-9-5	N Adams	53
303	(1)	0002	DUELLO 5 (F,S) M Blanshard 6-9-3	W Ryan	[illegible]
304	(11)	3500	GENUINE JOHN 13 J Parkes 4-9-3	J Bramhill	84
305	(5)	5/50	WITCHFINDER 31 Mrs L Stubbs 5-9-3	S Whitworth	56
306	(16)	00-0	ZAALEFF 9 [illegible] 5-9-3	W J O'Connor	–
307	(20)	6510	FERN'S GOVERNOR 20 (BF,D,F,S) W Musson 5-9-2	R Cochrane	69
308	(15)	1400	PENLOP 13 (B,D) A Stewart 3-9-2	L Dettori	61
309	(14)	2100	WARRIOR KING 14 (G) C Dwyer 3-9-2	T E Durcan (3)	62
310	(6)	-611	PHYLIDA 54 (C,D,G) P Makin 3-9-1	S Sanders	64
311	(9)	-500	ARDENT 125 C Benstead 3-9-0	C Rutter	45
312	(7)	0565	BRAVE ENVOY 6 (C,F) M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-0	J Weaver	48
313	(6)	0300	DAVIDS REVENGE 87 D Chappell 3-9-0	A Clark	53
314	(2)	4000	DIVIDE AND RULE 11 (F) R Hollinshead 3-9-0	D Griffiths (3)	49
315	(17)	6034	KRISTOPHER 105 J Hills 3-9-0	M Henry (3)	49
316	(18)	-600	MAC'S DELIGHT 160 H Akbary 3-9-0	A Polli (5)	38
317	(4)	0020	SARATOGA RED 86 (B) W O'Gorman 3-9-0	Emma O'Gorman	55
318	(19)	0455	STAR TURN 38 (BF) M Bell 3-9-0	M Fenton	86
319	(12)	3500	TULSA 20 B Smart 3-9-0	R Ffrench (3)	75
320	(2)	0500	NIGHTINGALE SONG 25 (G) M Meade 3-8-11	T Sprake	76

5-1 Phylida, 6-1 Duello, 8-1 Fern's Governor, 10-1 Alfahaal, Zermatt, Penlop, Brave Envoy, Star Turn, 12-1 others

3.00 KENNETH MANN CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,183: 1m 1f 218yd) (3)

401	(1)	12	ABUHAIL 44 (F) D Morley 9-1	R Hills	[illegible]
402	(3)	1	ASAKIR 28 (F) S bin Suroor 9-1	L Dettori	91
403	(2)	1	ST HELENSFIELD 14 (D,F) M Johnston 9-1	J Weaver	80

8-11 Asakir, 9-4 Abuhail, 3-1 St Helensfield

3.30 STOAT SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,595: 1m 1f 218yd) (18)

501	(18)	0040	DOCKLANDS DISPATCH 6 N Tinkler 9-1	Kim Tinkler	75
502	(8)	0	COMPASSIONATE 5 W G M Turner 8-11	D Sweeney (3)	–
503	(14)	80	PERFECT WAY 5 Mrs N Macauley 8-11	P Bloomfield	–
504	(3)	6255	PIANIST 20 (B) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	84
505	(12)	0060	REACH FOR A STAR 24 C Thornton 8-11	E Johnson	61
506	(9)	0504	RED MAPLE 20 (B) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	84
507	(7)	6632	ROYAL GROUND 5 (BF) M Channon 8-11	J Fortune	[illegible]
508	(2)	0800	SILVER HOPE 18 R Hollinshead 8-11	W Ryan	71
509	(11)	04	SON OF GOOD TIMES 14 P Murphy 8-11	S Drowne	66
510	(6)	00	CARLASANTA 32 A Newcombe 8-6	F Norton	–
511	(13)	0040	GAY ABANDON 82 (B) K McAuliffe 8-6	J F Egan	–
512	(17)	0504	HIDING PLACE 24 M Bell 8-6	M Fenton	83
513	(10)	00	LADY EIL 23 B Smart 8-6	J Stack	61
514	(15)	0	LASCENSA 23 P Kelleway 8-6	S Sanders	–
515	(5)	65	LITTLE RISK 7 K McAuliffe 8-6	J Reid	68
516	(1)	0000	MARY LOU 7 M Channon 8-6	A Mackay	75
517	(4)	00	RUBY BEAR 79 W M Brisbourne 8-6	R Mullen (5)	–
518	(16)	0000	TILBURG 26 Mrs N Macauley 8-6	Jo Hunnam (5)	71

7-2 Red Maple, 9-2 Hiding Place, 5-1 Royal Ground, 7-1 Pianist, 8-1 Little Risk, 10-1 Docklands Dispatch, Compassionate, 12-1 others.

4.00 RABBIT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,873: 1m 3f 183yd) (15)

601	(12)	2236	ISLAND SANCTUARY 22 (G) P Makin 9-7	S Sanders	69
602	(4)	0126	PENNYS FROM HEAVEN 19 (BF,D,G) H Candy 9-4	C Rutter	73
603	(5)	2-01	TYROLEAN DREAM 14 (G) M Tompkins 9-2	L Dettori	54
604	(1)	1260	TOM TAILOR 96 (S) D Elsworth 9-1	R Ffrench (3)	69
605	(13)	3433	DOVEDON STAR 45 P Kelleway 9-0	J Weaver	78
606	(15)	043	QUIET VENTURE 18 E Dunlop 8-13	J Reid	71
607	(3)	0525	DEEP WATER 18 P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	80
608	(7)	1163	TARXIEN 25 (D,G,S) K Burke 8-9	J F Egan	83
609	(14)	6302	SCARROTS 26 (CD,F,G) S C Williams 8-8	Dane O'Neill	80
610	(6)	3061	SECRET BALLOT 5 (S) K Mahdi 8-5 (5ex)	W J O'Connor	69
611	(10)	4230	HARMONY HALL 35 (BF) J Fanshawe 8-4	M Hills	87
612	(9)	5443	SILVER WHIRL 16 (BF) R Charlton 8-4	T Sprake	[illegible]
613	(8)	4200	ABSOLUTE LIBERTY 13 (B,S) S Woods 8-3	A Clark	71
614	(11)	3640	IN THE GENES 44 I Williams 8-1	Dale Gibson	76
615	(2)	0003	JUNIKAY 9 (G) R Ingram 7-13	M Henry (3)	77

6-1 Quiet Venture, 7-1 Tyrolean Dream, 8-1 Deep Water, Tarxien, 10-1 Island Sanctuary, Dovedon Star, Scarrots, Secret Ballot, 12-1 others.

4.30 DORMOUSE APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,679: 7f 9yd) (13)

1	(7)	6	BARROW CREEK 9 G Wragg 8-12	R Winston	68
2	(9)	05	BUSTOPHER JONES 66 C Egerton 8-12	L Masterson (5)	65
3	(10)	03	DEMOCRAT 6 M Prescott 8-12	Clare Lund (7)	60
4	(12)	0-60	FALCON RIDGE 95 J Fox 8-12	G McDonald (5)	–
5	(4)	425-	LUCAYAN BEACH 515 B Gubby 8-12	D McGaffin (3)	–
6	(13)	00	PRIDE OF NARVIK 7 M Channon 8-12	A Eddery	–
7	(5)		SAGUARO J Gosden 8-12	P Doe	–
8	(3)	-040	SHALAAL 7 M Channon 8-12	S Carson (3)	–
9	(1)	35	STAR INVADER 22 M Stoute 8-12	Jo Hunnam	66
10	(8)	0002	VAN CHINO 13 B McMahon 8-12	S Righton (3)	45
11	(11)	5240	WILD SKY 8 (V) M Heaton-Ellis 8-12	J Fowle (3)	77
12	(6)	0	DYCE 90 J Balding 8-7	J Wilkinson	–
13	(2)	344	PERSEVERE 35 Lord Huntingdon 8-7	C Cogan (5)	[illegible]

7-2 Star Invader, 5-1 Persevere, 6-1 Barrow Creek, Van Chino, Wild Sky, 7-1 Saguaro, 10-1 Democrat, 14-1 others.

5.00 EBF HARE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,223: 7f 9yd) (13)

1	(10)	50	BLUE DAWN 21 E Dunlop 8-11	W Ryan	85
2	(11)	400	GLITTER PRINCESS 21 D Chappell 8-11	M Hills	84
3	(1)	0	IN THE SUN 12 J Dunlop 8-11	T Quinn	–
4	(8)	00	IVORY LEAGUE 12 G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	–
5	(6)		LA NUIT ROSE S bin Suroor 8-11	L Dettori	–
6	(3)		LINEAGE N Graham 8-11	A McGlone	–
7	(13)		LINGUISTIC DANCER A Newcombe 8-11	S Drowne	–
8	(4)	60	MIDNIGHT STING 41 M Jarvis 8-11	R Ffrench (3)	63
9	(9)		PURSUIT VENTURE S Woods 8-11	N Day	–
10	(7)	2542	RELATE 9 M Meade 8-11	R Havlin (3)	75
11	(12)		SHAMBLES G Margarson 8-11	M Henry (3)	–
12	(2)		SURE QUEST D Arbuthnot 8-11	S Whitworth	–
13	(5)	363	YANABI 21 (BF) P Walwyn 8-11	R Hills	[illegible]

6-4 La Nuit Rose, 4-1 Yanabi, 7-1 Relate, 8-1 Blue Dawn, 10-1 In The Sun, Pursuit Venture, 14-1 Midnight Sting, 20-1 others.

SPECIALISTS

LEICESTER: Trainers: D Loder, 7 winners from 24 runners, 29.2%; M Stoute, 17 from 67, 25.4%; P Makin, 8 from 33, 24.2%; J Gosden, 14 from 72, 19.4%; J Dunlop, 26 from 137, 19.0%; M Prescott, 8 from 46, 17.4%; P Walwyn, 3 from 18, 16.7%. Jockeys: L Dettori, 38 winners from 176 rides, 21.6%; J Weaver, 18 from 87, 20.7%; J Stack, 6 from 30, 20.0%; J Reid, 16 from 113, 14.2%; F Lynch, 7 from 51, 13.7%; A Mackay, 9 from 70, 12.9%; Dane O'Neill, 8 from 64, 12.5%.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Johnston	86	89	62	9	-47.28
J Dunlop	85	62	50	3	-107.65
R Hannon	62	93	77	10	-434.71
M Stoute	79	63	63	2	-73.23
J Gosden	79	50	58	3	-52.52
H Cecil	75	54	39	2	-19.89
J Berry	75	74	64	7	-207.86
B Hills	72	59	69	2	-80.78

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
K Fallon	175	128	102	6	+118.79
L Dettori	156	102	87	4	-23.99
K Darley	117	100	88	11	-59.38
Pat Eddery	116	87	65	16	-151.47
J Reid	101	98	86	9	-140.17
S Sanders	80	90	85	0	-87.44
M Hills	78	61	65	3	-15.23
R Hills	75	65	75	0	-71.55

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THUNDERER
2.20 Court Lane
2.50 Right Wing
3.20 Kayo
3.50 Philmist
4.20 Craigary
4.50 Beau Roberto

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.50 RIGHT WING.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.20 Court Lane. 4.50 DELLUA (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 E B F KIRKOSWALD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,259: 6f) (6 runners)

1	(4)	6306	ANKA LADY 14 (F Coulson) D Moffatt 8-11	Darren Moffatt (3)	38
2	(5)	3	COURT LANE 9 (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-11	K Fallon	[illegible]
3	(2)	000600	E B TREASURE 68 (J Bosinki) N Bycroft 8-11	L Charnock	28
4	(1)	000	ESSE 16 (Mrs M Ashby) E Weymes 8-11	J Quinn	31
5	(3)	20306	LADY FROM LIMERICK 21 (B) (T Doherty) J Berry 8-11	P Fessey (3)	75
6	(6)		SPLENDID (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 8-11	G Duffield	–

BETTING: 4-7 Court Lane, 3-1 Splendid, 13-2 Lady From Limerick, 20-1 Esse, 25-1 Anka Lady, 33-1 E B Treasure.

1996: SILCA KEY SILCA 8-11 R Hughes (7-2) M Channon 4 ran

FORM FOCUS Anka Lady 17l 6th to Macca Luna in 1m Hamilton maiden (good). Court Lane 3¼l 3rd to Odin in 6f Newmarket maiden (good to firm). E B Treasure 22l 9th to Heavenly Falls in 6f Nottingham seller (good to firm). Esse beaten a distance last of 7 to Mubaba in 1m Haydock maiden (good to firm). Lady From Limerick 5¼l 6th to Swanmore Lady in 6f Leicester nursery (good to firm). Splendid, by Mujtahid, is from a stable in fine form.

COURT LANE is taken to fulfil the promise of her fine run at Newmarket

2.50 ARRAN CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,584: 1m) (5 runners)

1	(2)	3-03103	RIGHT WING 14 (D,S) (Earl Cadogan) W Hern 9-5	K Darley	[illegible]
2	(1)	432-11	BEA'S RUBY 145 (CD,S) (M Tabor & Mrs J Magnier) A Bailey 9-3	G Duffield	88
3	(5)	40-201	MUSHARAK 22 (S) (H al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-3	D Holland	94
4	(4)	2-1	RICKY TICKY TAVIE 17 (F) (M al-Maktoum) D Loder 9-3	K Fallon	92
5	(3)		THE WILD WIDOW (Mrs A Johnstone) J Eustace 8-4	J Tate	–

BETTING: 9-4 Musharak, 5-2 Right Wing, 11-4 Ricky Ticky Tavie, 7-2 Bea's Ruby, 33-1 The Wild Widow.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS Right Wing 4l 3rd to Crimson Tide in 1m Bath stakes (good to firm); previously 4¾l 7th to Hawksley Hill in 1m Sandown handicap (good). Bea's Ruby beat Brave Montgomerie 6l in stakes race over course and distance (soft); previously beat Radiancy neck in 7f Chester maiden (soft). Musharak beat Silver Kristal 8l in 7f Kempton maiden (good); previously 18l 8th to Rock Falcon in 7f Lingfield maiden (good). Ricky Ticky Tavie beat Bamburgh Boy 1¼l in 7f Redcar maiden stakes (firm); previously 3½l 2nd to Kahal in 7f Ascot stakes (good to firm).

RIGHT WING has solid form in competitive races and acts on the ground

3.20 MINISHANT NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,074: 1m) (15 runners)

1	(12)	4351	NASKHI 18 (D,F) (S Manana) M Johnston 9-7	D Holland	90
2	(11)	6321436	WINSOME GEORGE 60 (C,G) (C Barber-Lomax) C Fairhurst 9-6	N Kennedy	89
3	(8)	0134320	MIQUELON 44 (G) (P Savill) R Hollinshead 9-6	M Wigham	88
4	(1)	510541	FASHION VICTIM 24 (CD,F,S) (R Jones) T Caldwell 9-5	A Culhane	77
5	(9)	02145	FLOW BY 24 (F) (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 9-0	K Darley	92
6	(7)	5540041	BURNT YATES 19 (G) (J Bray) M W Easterby 8-12	G Parkin (3)	[illegible]
7	(10)	33302	TEARAWAY 24 (A Collins) J Watts 8-12	J Carroll	82
8	(14)	005	DENTARDIA 18 (Brave Maple Partnership) J Eustace 8-12	J Tate	76
9	(5)	684	PRINCE ASHLEIGH 18 (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 8-11	L Charnock	81
10	(6)	544	DURAR 45 (H al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-9	K Fallon	79
11	(15)	0035	FALKENBERG 91 (B Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 8-7	J Fanning	70
12	(3)	40410	KAYO 7 (D,F) (J Abell) T Etherington 8-4	C Lowther (5)	96
13	(2)	42500	BAYLHAM 14 (J Goldie) J Goldie 7-13	J Quinn	82
14	(4)	0400	BOLLINGER ROSE 54 (S Hayes) J J O'Neill 7-10	P Fessey (3)	95
15	(13)	0003	TOM 26 (V,BF) (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 7-10	Darren Moffatt (3)	87

Long handicap: Bollinger Rose 7-8, Tom 7-5.
BETTING: 7-2 Naskhi, 5-1 Burnt Yates, 7-1 Tearaway, 8-1 Fashion Victim, Flow By, 10-1 Miquelon, Falkenberg, 14-1 others.

1996: GENERAL'S STAR 8-13 N Connorton (5-1) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS Naskhi beat Summer Deal ¾l in 1m Pontefract nursery (good to firm). Winsome George 8¾l 6th to Deki in 7f Beverley nursery (good to soft). Miquelon 8¼l 11th to Archer Fantasy in 6f Curragh stakes (good to soft). Fashion Victim beat Tearaway (3lb better off) ¾l in nursery over course and distance (good to soft) with Flow By (9lb better off) 5l 5th. Burnt Yates beat Montano 2½l in 7f Chester nursery handicap (good). Dentardia 6l 6th to Close Up in 1m Pontefract maiden (good to firm). Prince Ashleigh 2½l 4th to Pure Nobility in 7f Chester maiden (good). Durar 9½l 4th to O'Kelly in 7f Chester maiden (good to soft). Falkenberg 7l 5th to The Rich Man in 7f Ayr nursery (good). Kayo 18l 10th to Carambo in 7f Wolverhampton nursery (AW). Baylham 18l 9th to Jacmar in 6f Hamilton handicap (good). Bollinger Rose 9¾l 9th to Chinaider in 6f York seller (good). Tom 4l 3rd to Moonlight Flit in 7½f Beverley selling nursery (good to firm).

DURAR is capable of better and Fallon is an interesting booking

3.50 ERICAS 50TH ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP (£4,055: 1m 2f 192yd) (10 runners)

1	(10)	-211003	ALBAHA 72 (UK Packaging Supplies Ltd) J Banks 4-9-10	J Quinn	[illegible]
2	(2)	0123000	MANFUL 14 (B,CD,F,S) (C Barber-Lomax) Miss L Perratt 5-9-8	G Duffield	70
3	(7)	21-2502	AJAYIB 16 (B,G) (H al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-9-8	K Darley	55+
4	(4)	3-6440	ZAAHIR 117 (D Batey) W Storey 3-9-3	J Fanning	76
5	(9)	2312165	SHAFFISHAYES 23 (F,G,S) (P Brown) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-3	Dean McKeown	88
6	(6)	2622004	PEKAY 5 (F) (Mr & Mrs Holdcroft) M Johnston 4-8-13	D Holland	68
7	(5)	1201004	HILL FARM BLUES 9 (F,G) (D Newton) W M Brisbourne 4-8-12	K Fallon	70
8	(8)	30-1345	STORMLESS 14 (C,F,G,S) (D St Clair) J Goldie 6-8-5	T Williams	69
9	(3)	6411251	PHILMIST 25 (B,CD,G,S) (C Barber-Lomax) Miss L Perratt 5-7-11	N Kennedy	85
10	(1)	3581440	SING AND DANCE 14 (F) (Mrs N Napier) E Weymes 4-7-10	P Fessey (3)	77

Long handicap: Sing And Dance 7-4
BETTING: 5-2 Ajayib, 6-1 Albaha, Pekay, 7-1 Hill Farm Blues, Philmist, 8-1 Manful, Shaffishayes, 12-1 others.

1996: STORMLESS 5-7-12 J Bramhill (3-1 fav) P Monteith 9 ran

FORM FOCUS Albaha 2¼l 3rd to Kilernan in 1m 4f Thirsk handicap (good). Manful 25l 13th to Totem Dancer in 1m 4f Hamilton handicap (good). Ajayib ½l 2nd to Saafeya in 1m 2f 120yd Haydock fillies handicap (good to firm). Zaahir 8¾l 4th to Korci in 1m Thirsk maiden (good) on penultimate start. Shaffishayes 5¼l 5th to Top Cees in 1m 5f Ayr handicap (good to soft). Pekay 4l 4th to McGillycuddy Reeks in 1m 2f York handicap (good). Hill Farm Blues 2l 4th to [illegible] in 1m 1f Nottingham conditions stakes (good to firm). Stormless 3¾l 5th to Shontaine in 1m Hamilton handicap (good) with Sing And Dance (5lb worse off) 8l 8th. Philmist beat Mr Fortywinks 1¼l in 1m 2f 192yd Ayr amateur handicap (good to soft).

AJAYIB's Haydock second is a cut above anything else here

4.20 FAILFORD SELLING STAKES (£2,637: 1m 5f 13yd) (14 runners)

1	(7)	0443210	CRAIGARY 14 (G) (J Cringan) Mrs A Swinbank 6-9-9	G Duffield	59
2	(5)	0102003	FORZAIR 7 (F) (C Bigley Partnership Ltd) J J O'Neill 5-9-9	C Lowther (5)	62
3	(13)	01/1600	SILVER PEARL 100 (V,D,S) (Exors of E Scarth) Mrs A Naughton 5-9-9	J Supple	54
4	(3)	4306000	COIS NA FARRAIGE 42 (F) (T Finch) Miss L Perratt 4-9-4	P Fessey (3)	34
5	(6)	0300-50	FLYAWAY BLUES 164J (BF) (Carnoustie R C) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-4	S Copp (5)	45
6	(10)	0000006	GOLDEN FISH 17 (C Thomas) E Alston 5-9-4	J Quinn	34
7	(12)	/0/50/0	GROG 14 (F) (Mrs J Ross) B Mactaggart 8-9-4	J Carroll	–
8	(1)	621-00	ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 11 (F,G) (Reveley R C) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-4	A Culhane	63
9	(14)	643600	PROPHITS PRIDE 14 (Mrs M Monteith) P Monteith 5-9-4	O Pears	–
10	(4)	63260	NORTHERN FLASH 27J (B) (K Lee) F Murphy 3-8-10	Dean McKeown	51
11	(2)	0005	SHOWSTOPPER 18 (C Moreno) T Etherington 3-8-10	P Bradley (7)	24
12	(11)		SPECULATIVE (T Stafford) W Storey 3-8-10	K Fallon	–
13	(8)	0526900	EUROLINK WINDSONG 17 (W Graham) M Wane 3-8-5	L Charnock	[illegible]
14	(9)	6500044	SWEET NOTE 14 (R McLean) Miss L Perratt 3-8-5	J McAuley (7)	44

BETTING: 7-2 Forzair, 4-1 Once More For Luck, 11-2 Craigary, 6-1 Northern Flash, 7-1 Flyaway Blues, Sweet Note, 12-1 Silver Pearl, Eurolink Windsong, 16-1 others.

1996: TRUMPED 4-9-0 J Bramhill (7-1) P Monteith 5 ran

FORM FOCUS Craigary beat Havana Heights by 1½l in 1m 4f Hamilton selling handicap (good). Forzair 4l 3rd to Siberian Mystic in 1m 4f Pontefract apprentice handicap (good to firm). Silver Pearl 52l last of 12 to May King Mayhem in 1m 4f Carlisle handicap (good). Flyaway Blues 13l 12th to Supertop in 1m 2f Ayr amateur handicap (good). Golden Fish 8¼l 6th to Tart in 1m 2f Redcar selling handicap (firm) with Eurolink Windsong (19lb better off) 16l 10th. Once More For Luck 13l 11th to Water Flower in 1m 4f Newmarket claiming stakes (good). Northern Flash 20l 16th to Largesse in 1m 2f 120yd Haydock handicap (good to soft). Showstopper 28l 5th to Kingdom Pearl in 1m 4f Catterick handicap (good). Sweet Note 9¼l 4th to Tyrolean Dream in 1m 1f Hamilton maiden (good).

FORZAIR is sure to be thereabouts in a poor contest

4.50 AYR AUTUMN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,996: 1m 1f) (11 runners)

1	(4)	31-5230	BONNIE LASSIE 9 (G Reed) C Thornton 9-7	Dean McKeown	55
2	(11)	040261	DELLUA 17 (F) (K M Al-[illegible]) R Guest 9-6	C Lowther (5)	71
3	(6)	0000603	FOOT BATTALION 7 (G) (Exors of the late Mr J E Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-3	K Fallon	67
4	(1)	0335036	ZORBA 13 (D,G) (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 8-13	N Kennedy	69
5	(3)	1063230	BELLE BIJOU 24 (J Morrison & J Armstrong) M Johnston 8-8	D Holland	[illegible]
6	(6)	-242615	TYCOON TINA 139 (S) (A Brooke Rankin) W M Brisbourne 8-6	J Carroll	68
7	(10)	-60504	HIDDEN AGENDA 21 (B) (Cliveden Stud) R Charlton 8-4	K Darley	66
8	(9)	-006000	BIFF-EM 72 (G) (Cree Lodge Racing Club) Miss L Perratt 8-3	G Duffield	54
9	(5)	2604050	FINE TIMES 7 (V) (Glasgow House Four) C Fairhurst 8-0	P Fessey (3)	70
10	(7)	3365560	BEAU ROBERTO 25 (J Armstrong) J Goldie 7-10	J Quinn	75
11	(2)	00-053	GADROON 110 (Dunnington & Smart) P Haslam 7-10	L Charnock	60

Long handicap: Beau Roberto 7-7, Gadroon 7-6.
BETTING: 3-1 Dellua, 4-1 Foot Battalion, 5-1 Hidden Agenda, 7-1 Belle Bijou, 8-1 Zorba, 10-1 Bonnie Lassie, Tycoon Tina, Fine Times, Gadroon, 16-1 others.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS Bonnie Lassie 20l 7th to Polar Champ in 1m 4f Wolverhampton handicap (standard). Dellua beat Prituki 1¾l in 1m 1f 149yd Folkestone fillies maiden (firm). Foot Battalion 5¼l 3rd to Jay-Owe-Two in 1m Pontefract handicap (good to firm). Zorba 13l 6th to Farmost in 1m 1f 79yd Wolverhampton handicap (standard). Tycoon Tina 2¼l 5th to Scarrots in 1m 3f 183yd Leicester handicap (good). Hidden Agenda 9¼l 4th to Tallulah Belle in 1m 3f 30yd Kempton fillies handicap (good to firm). Biff-Em 27l last of 7 to Night Mirage in 1m 1f 36yd Hamilton handicap (good). Fine Times 15l 11th to Nant Y Gamer in 6f Pontefract claiming stakes (good to firm). Beau Roberto 9¼l 9th to Philmist in 1m 3f Ayr amateur handicap (good to soft). Gadroon 2¼l 3rd to Trying Times in 1m 65yd Hamilton handicap (soft)

DELLUA is the subject of good reports from Newmarket and can justify the trip up

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Prescott	7	25	28.0	D Holland	17	73	23.3
J Dunlop	10	39	25.6	J Tate	6	26	23.1
Mrs M Reveley	16	102	15.7	K Darley	40	198	20.2
A Bailey	18	116	15.5	K Fallon	18	134	13.4
M Johnston	22	161	13.7	Darren Moffatt	7	58	11.9
E Weymes	6	46	13.0	A Culhane	8	69	11.6

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Sally Jones rediscovers the joys of ice skating in company with her six-year-old son, Roly

'Look, mum, I can twizzle!'

ASHLEY COOMBS

Three decades after my last experience of skating with a group of *like-minded* tomboys, resplendent in rusty blades, striking out over ice a foot thick on a disused gravel pit, I decided it was time to try again. First time around, the sheer discomfort of the piercing Siberian winds and frequent falls obliterated most of the joy of learning to stand up and achieving the first short foray without a tumble.

My few outings on a proper rink, amid the 60s splendour of the "Silver Blades" in Birmingham, were marred by the taunts of the gangs of youths who skimmed around in predatory fashion, hands behind their backs. I longed to skate like them, nearly as much as I ached *to do* loud wolf-whistles. Sadly, I never mastered either accomplishment but when my six-year-old son, Roly, sat engrossed by the European figure-skating *championships* and demanded to learn to skate, "twizzling round and round like that man", the old yearning returned. I booked a *set of group lessons* at Solihull Ice Rink, one of Britain's 30 major rinks and home of the Solihull Barons ice hockey side.

Arriving early we watched, fascinated, as half a dozen instructors put small groups of skaters through their paces; from rangy teenagers essaying elegant-looking leaps to tiny, knobbly-kneed five-year-olds, skimming round backwards and crossing their feet on the corners. A look of murderous envy *crossed Roly's face when* the nearest child launched herself into an impressive-looking spin, folding her arms across her chest as she rotated faster and faster on the spot. "She's *twizzling* Mummy, I want to twizzle too."

The hire skates proved something of a disappointment; chunky, navy-blue boots with knotted red laces, ideal for deterring *would-be thieves but a world away from* the fur-lined coffee-coloured creations which Roly had hoped for.

"His first time, is it?" asked the motherly lady in a *skate hire*, producing several pairs of skates until she found one with newly ground edges for maximum control and a concave profile along the *underside* of the blades.

"Stops you slipping and helps you to do nice precise figures," she explained as she showed us how to lace the boots tightly over the ankle for maximum support but more loosely over the shins. I thanked her, reflecting that for today, figures would *probably take second place to getting* round the rink in one piece.

To my surprise Roly positively dragged me onto the ice at the start of our session *with Don Baker, a slight* gentle man who specialises in coaxing even the most nervous beginners through the basics required for Grade One of the 10 basic proficiency awards set by the National Ice Skating Association.

Sally Jones and her son Roly get their boots fitted

Our fellow beginners included Annie, a poised looking lady with her six-year-old son Samuel in tow, a tough looking nine-*year-old boy and a tiny* five-year-old who had spent the first two weeks of her course clinging to the rail.

After Roly insisted on holding my hand for the first few minutes, Don soon showed him how to glide forward, pushing off from the back foot, toes turned out, leaning slightly forward. The first fall produced a brief crisis of tears but Don defused the situation by telling the whole class to sit on the ice and practise getting up again.

"Kneel up and stand from there, then skate fast as possible to the other side of the rink." Once a competitive element was introduced, the tears evaporated and Roly bravely attempted all the drills: touching his toes as he skimmed along two-footed, trying to lift one foot for as long as possible, while gliding on the other and even "doing fishes", pressing out on the ankles to send the skates curving outwards, and then back in again. "It's a good *warm-up practice*," *explained* Don, "because it makes everyone use their ankles and knees to get the momentum going."

Next came the T-stop. "Glide on one foot," Don commanded, "hands *out* in front of you as though you were riding a bike, then gently drag the other blade *turned out at right angles, across the ice* behind you and bring it up to the heel of your front foot so that you come to a controlled halt." I went flying at my first *attempt, digging in too hard and* catching an edge, while Roly performed an involuntary spin which seemed to him more fun than stopping in a straight line. "I'm twizzling Mummy!"

On our second session though, the stop came more naturally and we started learning to skate backwards, while staring enviously at the self-assured youngsters in the Grade 3 group. Further down the rink, an instructor was scrutinising the crisply carved outline of a "three" traced as *her pupil* performed a one-foot turn from the front to back.

"The idea of these basic grades is to get you to flow on *skates,*" Don explained, "and to be aware of where your weight is and which edge you're on. After the first six grades, we suggest private lessons to take you through to the more advanced levels, preliminary, bronze, inter-silver, silver and up to gold.

"Too old? Rubbish. One lady here took up skating when she was nearly 40 and reached her inter-silver which was a real *achievement. She's now 72 and still skates* regularly."

Much encouraged, I enlisted the help of a friendly intermediate skater and after a string of *falls managed a slightly wobbly* one-footed turn.

When after four sessions, Roly finally mastered the T-stop and achieved his Grade One certificate, he was as delighted as Torvill and Dean must have been with an Olympic gold and leapt two-footed into the air, whirling his arms like a dervish. "Yes! Now I've passed my test, I'm going to start twizzling!"

COMPETITION

Competitive figure skating is split into men's, women's and pairs skating, *while* other disciplines include ice dance, popularised by Torvill and Dean, recreational skating, team precision skating and speed skating. Figure skating involves two programmes to music. In the short one eight prescribed elements must be skated: this accounts for a third of the overall *marks. Next comes* the free programme, a choreographed four minute routine incorporating as many elements as possible: a series of jumps and spins linked together with different step sequences, interpreting the music throughout. This provides the other two thirds of the marks which are *awarded for technical* merit and presentation.

Torvill and Dean

Where to begin and what you need

Roly gets used to staying upright while Mum keeps up

BRITAIN boasts eight Olympic sized ice rinks (60m by 30m), plus 21 slightly smaller rinks, such as Solihull, which are suitable for national novice championships. There are another 40 smaller rinks of different sizes.

An estimated 14 million people take to the ice at least once a year, and several million skate regularly, many in beginners' classes. Group sessions are recommended for newcomers as these work out *much cheaper than individual* lessons and are an equally effective way of learning the basics. All formal teaching at reputable rinks is done by qualified members of the British Ice Teachers Association.

EQUIPMENT: most beginners hire boots until they are certain they intend to skate regularly. They then choose appropriate leather boots and blades: ice dance boots for example are cut lower at the back to allow more freedom for particular moves while a reinforced blade is used for *figure skating because of the* extra stresses from the jumps and throws. Skaters should always be on one or other edge rather than skating "flat". The blades are ground to produce two sharp edges with a concave hollow between. Each blade has a toe rake where it curves up at the front to allow the skater to stop and gain upward impetus for spins and jumps. In training most skaters wear warm, unrestricting clothing, such as gloves, sweatshirts and reinforced skating tights but for competitions they wear costumes.

COST: skating boots vary *massively in price from* around £50 for a basic pair up to £500 for top-class competition boots. Most beginners would pay around £65 for reputable starter boots. Basic skating dresses and stretch trousers for competitions start at around £20 while reinforced tights are £10 upwards.

There is a wide variation in the cost *of lessons too. Solihull* rink, for example, offers group sessions for an enrolment fee of £7 and a charge of £1.90 for each lesson. Skate hire is £1.

Further information: the National Ice Skating Association, 15-27 Gee Street, London EC1V 3RE. (0171-253 3824) or Solihull Ice Rink, Hobs Moat Road, Solihull, West Midlands. (0121-742 5561).

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Play-offs: Saturday: Cleveland 2 Baltimore 1 (12inns; Cleveland lead series 2-1)

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Friday: Newcastle 84 Sheffield 68. Saturday: Watford 56 Manchester 84, Crystal Palace 90 Derby 86, Worthing 74 Birmingham 78

	P	W	L	Pts
Birmingham	5	5	0	10
* Leopards	6	5	1	10
* London Towers	6	5	1	10
* Thames Valley	5	4	1	8
Sheffield	6	4	2	8
* Worthing	8	4	4	8
Chester	5	3	2	6
Manchester	6	3	3	6
* Newcastle	7	3	4	6
Leicester	6	2	4	4
Derby	6	1	5	2
* Crystal Palace	7	1	6	2
Watford	7	0	7	0

* does not include last night's matches

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Cardiff 75 Teesside 96, Oxford 75 Stevenage 72, Solihull 73 Guildford 69, Westminster 85 Coventry 76. Second division: Flintshire 67 Solent 79, South Wales 85 Swindon 62, Thames Valley 73 Northampton 88. Third division: Sheffield 69 Stoke 63, Southampton 39 Birmingham 59; Ware 63 Barking and Dagenham 64. Women: First division: Birmingham 38 Spelthorne 50; Nottingham 52 Rhondda 56, Sheffield 97 NW London 74, Thames Valley 49 Northampton 56. Second division: Chelmsford 77 Wandsworth 51, Doncaster 65 Manchester 49, Sheffield 57 Richmond 39, Solent 56 Spelthorne 45, South Wales 43 Plymouth 54, Tyne and Wear 68 Liverpool 63

BOWLS

DENNY CUP: London and southern counties: Bounds Green 54 King George Field 79, Bournemouth 89 Longmeadow 72, Jack Hi 68 Picketts Lock 96; Margate 103 Denton Island 52, Paddington 84 Rushmoor 64, Wey Valley 91 Harga 65. Midlands: Acle 85 Hunstanton 70; Addlethorpe 79 Boston 94, Barwell 135 Greyfriars 41, Beccles 72 Pinewood 80; Charnwood 78 Rugby Thornfield 73; Church Gresley 101 Erdington Court 74; Falcon 115 David Lloyd 60, Gedling 70 Dunholme 77, Harwich 57 Southend 121; Haverhill 62 Peterborough 77; Kingsthorpe 100 Northampton 83, March 54 City Of Ely 91, Newark 71 Stamford 65; Roundwood 81 Lakeside 71; Seaford 79 Horncastle 82; Turpins 61 Cambridge Chesterton 100; West Mersea 72 Tilbury 81.

BOXING

SHEFFIELD ARENA: World Boxing Organisation world featherweight championship: N Hamed (Sheffield, holder) bt J Badillo (P Rico) rsc 7th. Vacant World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight championship: J Calzaghe (Newbridge) bt C Eubank (Brighton) pts. World Boxing Organisation middleweight championship title eliminator: R Rhodes (Sheffield) bt Y Epifantsev (Russ) rsc 3rd. Vacant World Boxing Organisation Inter-Continental cruiserweight championship: K Oliver (Lincoln) bt J Keaton (Sheffield) rsc 8th. World Boxing Organisation Inter-continental middleweight championship: J Matthews (Islington, holder) bt D Dorrington (Bristol) rsc 7th. World Boxing Organisation Inter-Continental heavyweight championship: P Reid (Sheffield, holder) bt E Dixon (US) ko 9th. Vacant British light-welterweight championship: M Winters (Antrim) bt C Wright (Liverpool) pts. Vacant World Boxing Organisation inter-continental super-featherweight championship: D Pithie (Manchester) bt S Bull (Doncaster) rsc 11th. European cruiserweight championship: J Nelson (Sheffield) bt D Wallyn (Belgium) rsc 1st. British featherweight championship: P Ingle (Scarborough) bt J J Irwin (Doncaster) ret 8th.

COTTBUS, Germany: World Boxing Organisation lightweight championship: A Grigorian (Uzb, holder) bt D Armstrong (US) pts.

DANCE SPORT

ROYAL ALBERT HALL: International championships: Pro Modern: 1, M and K Hilton (Eng); 2, L Bancchi and L Barry (Eng); 3, A Sinkinson and C Jorgensen (Eng); 4, H Tanaka and A Preston (Japan); 5, F Selmi and S Fancello (It); 6, T Howson and J Bolton (Eng). Pro Latin: 1, J Haapalainen and S Suutari (Fin), 2, B Watson and K Hardy (Eng); 3, P Killick and V Toft (Eng); 4, A Tornsberg and Carmen (Ger); 5, J Gilkison and P Roby (Aus), 6, R and O Muller (Ger). Amateur Modern: 1, C Hawkins and H Newberry (Eng); 2, A and D Shingler (Eng); 3, W Pino and A Buccarelli (It), 4, J Crossley and K Jones (Eng). 5, R Villa and M Barry (Eng). 6, M Gozzoli and A Betti (It). Amateur Latin: 1, H Nitsche and C Egstrand (Den); 2, M and N Cutler (Eng); 3, M Wentink and Beata (SA).

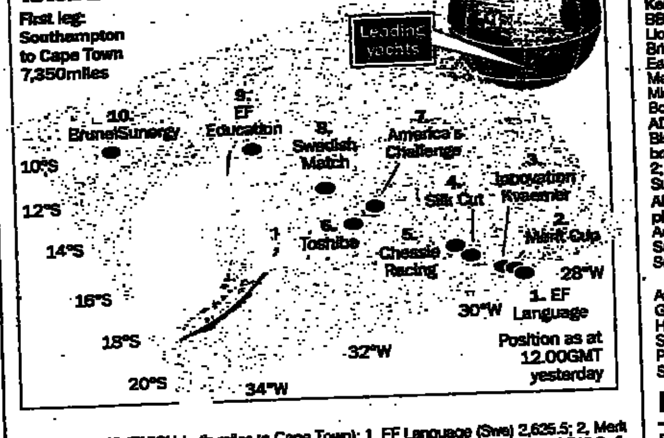
GOLF

BORDEAUX: Pairs tournament (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): Final round scores (four-ball, foursomes, greensomes and two singles): 349: A Forsbrand and M Jonzon (Swe) 65, 74, 64, 69 and 71; S Luna and J Rivero (Sp) 64, 71, 69, 70 and 69 (Forsbrand and Jonzon won title at first extra hole in play-off). 348: S Ballesteros and J-M Olazabal (Sp) 67, 73, 67, 70 and 71; M Farry (Fr) and M Roe 66, 73, 68, 72 and 69; P Hedblom and P Sjoland (Swe) 66, 70, 68, 74 and 70. 349: J Remesy and R Jacquelin (Fr) 64, 69, 66, 78 and 72. 351: A Cejka (Ger) and F Tarnaud (Fr) 69, 73, 69, 67 and 73; J Payne and P Price 68, 74, 70, 68 and 71, D Hospital and F Roca (Sp) 68, 73, 66, 71 and 73. 352: P Lawrie and R Drummond 68, 74, 68, 75 and 69. 353: J Van de Velde (Fr) and B Lane 65, 74, 66, 78 and 70; W Riley (Aus) and C Mason 69, 71, 67, 76 and 70. 354: J Spence and M Mouland 66, 78, 65, 72 and 73; R McFarlane and D J Russell 66, 73, 68, 74 and 73, J-L Guepy and M Besanceney (Fr) 64, 75, 70, 70 and 75; I Pyman and D Carter 67, 75, 68, 75 and 69; T Gogele (Ger) and M Gronberg (Swe) 68, 75, 68, 72 and 71. 355: M Tunnicliff and J Robson 65, 77, 67, 73 and 73. 356: A Hunter and G Orr 65, 73, 71, 72 and 75; P Curry and A Sherborne 65, 72, 69, 74 and 76. 357: R Lee and M Davis 65, 77, 73, 70 and 72; D Howell and S Cage 66, 72, 75, 73 and 71; P Baker and P Broadhurst 67, 76, 70, 72 and 72. 360: S Richardson and R Wilson 68, 82, 71, 72 and 67; I Garrido and M Carrasco (Sp) 64, 74, 73, 73 and 76. 361: W Westner (SA) and M Mackenzie 68, 75, 70, 77 and 71; R Boxall and D Cooper 70, 73, 68, 77 and 73. 364: M Harwood (Aus) and S Alker (NZ) 68, 78, 67, 79 and 72. 366: C Suneson and P Linhart (Sp) 64, 80, 72, 76 and 74. 367: J Lomas and S Bottomley 69, 73, 73, 76 and 76.

LONDON AMATEUR FOURSOMES: First round: West Sussex bt Royal Wimbledon 4 and 2; Woking bt Knebworth 6 and 4; Berkhamsted bt Hankley Common 2 and 1. East Berks bt Purley Downs 5 and 4; Cuddington bt West Middlesex 1 up. Grimsdyke bt Ilford 2 and 1; West Hill bt Sudbury 3 and 2; Ealing bt Wyke Green 4 and 3; West Essex bt The Army 2 up; East Herts bt Chipstead 2 and 1; Wentworth bt Romford 3 and 1; North Hants bt Thames Ditton and Esher 1 up, Ashford Manor bt Brookmans Park 2 and 1; Copthorne bt Burnham Beeches 2 and 1; Harpenden Common bt Ilford 4 and 2; South Beds bt Betchworth Park 4 and 2; Woodcote Park bt Surbiton 3 and 2; Temple bt Addington Palace 1 up; Epsom bt Gatton Manor 4 and 2; Leatherhead wo, Moor Park bt Sundridge Park 19th; Stoke Poges bt South Herts 3 and 2; Berkshire bt Coombe Hill 3 and 2; Mid Herts bt Langley Park at 20th; Walton Heath bt Enfield at 20th; Harpenden bt Wanstead at 19th; West Byfleet bt Nevill at 20th; Brickenden Grange bt Chislehurst 7 and 5; Royal Mid Surrey bt Hainault Forest 4 and 3; Mill Green bt Flackwell Heath 6 and 4; West Herts A bt Northwood 4 and 3; West Herts B bt Gerrards Cross 6 and 5. Second round: West Sussex bt Woking 3 and 2; East Berks bt Berkhamsted 5 and 3; Grimsdyke bt Cuddington 2 and 1; Ealing bt West Hill 5 and 4; East Herts bt West Essex at 20th; North Hants bt Wentworth 3 and 2; Copthorne bt Ashford Manor at 19th; South Beds bt Harpenden Common 2 and 1; Temple bt Woodcote Park 1 up; Leatherhead bt Epsom 1 up; Moor Park bt Stoke Poges 3 and 2; Berkshire bt Mid Herts 3 and 2; Walton Heath bt Harpenden 5 and 4; Brickenden Grange bt West Byfleet 19th hole; Royal Mid Surrey bt Mill Green at 21st; West Herts A bt West Herts B 5 and 4. Third round: East Beds bt West Sussex 5 and 3; Grimsdyke bt Ealing 2 and 1; East Herts walked over North Hants; South Beds bt Copthorne 2 and 1; Temple bt Leatherhead 1 up; Moor Park bt Berkshire 3 and 2; Walton Heath bt Brickenden Grange 2 and 1, West Herts A bt Royal Mid Surrey 1 up. Fourth round: Grimsdyke bt East Berks 2 up; South Beds bt East Herts 2 and 1; Moor Park bt Temple 2 and 1; West Herts A bt Walton Heath 3 and 2

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia: Michelob championship: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated): 201: D Waldorf 63, 69, 69. 204: G Waite (NZ) 69, 67, 68; F Funk 69, 65, 70; K Triplett 66, 68, 70; D Duval 67, 66, 71.

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE LATEST POSITIONS



First leg: Southampton to Cape Town 7,350miles

Position as at 12.00GMT yesterday

DISTANCE TO FINISH (with miles to Cape Town): 1, EF Language (Swe) 2,625.5; 2, Merit Cup (Monaco) 2,626.9; 3, Innovation Kvaerner (Nor) 2,631.6; 4, Silk Cut (GB) 2,718.3; 5, Chessie Racing (US) 2,744.2; 6, Toshiba (US) 2,917.9; 7, America's Challenge (US) 2,919.1; 8, Swedish Match (Swe) 2,949.3; 9, EF Education (Swe) 3,152.1; 10, BrunelSunergy (Holl) 3,272.4

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Saturday: Barford 4 Doncaster 4; Beeston 1 Cannock 4; Canterbury 4 Reading 0; East Grinstead 2 Southgate 3; Guildford 2 O Loughtonians 4; Hounslow 6 Teddington 1. Yesterday: Barford 2 Beeston 0; Cannock 8 Doncaster 1; Canterbury 2 Guildford 2; Hounslow 2 East Grinstead 1; Reading 3 O Loughtonians 3; Southgate 7 Teddington 2. First division: Blueharts 1 Isca 1; Bournville 6 Lewes 1; Bromley 2 Hampstead 2, Brooklands 3 Sheffield 2; Chelmsford 2 Indian Gym 3, Firebrands 0 Havant 5; Gloucester City 5 Warrington 1; Harleston Magpies 0 Hull 2; Oxford Hawks 1 Stourport 6; Oxford Univ 2 Loughborough St 3; Surbiton 4 St Albans 0.

DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Coventry and North Warwicks 3 North Nottingham 2; Edgbaston 3 Blossomfield 0; Khalsa 3 Nottingham 2; North Stafford 1 Olton and West Warwicks 1

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ben Rhydding 2 Wigan 2; Chester 3 Timperley 0, Durham University 1 Southport 1; Harrogate 1 Sheffield Bankers 1; Neston 4 Swalwell 2 Norton 2 Formby 0.

EUROSPORT AND LEISURE: South Premier division: Bournemouth 1 Winchester 1; Chichester 7 Herne Bay 1; Eastcote 4 Purley 2; High Wycombe 3 Gore Court 2; O Whitgiftians 6 Maidenhead 2; Ramgarhia 2 Richmond 1; Trojans 0 City Of Portsmouth 6; Tunbridge Wells 3 Beckenham 2; Wimbledon 1 Fareham 2; Woking 2 Anchorians 4. Hampshire and Surrey: Andover 4 Spencer 2; Basingstoke 0 Epsom 2; Blandford 10 Barnes 1; Goan 3 Dulwich 3; Haslemere 1 O Georgians 3; London Univ 2 Cheam 3; O Mid Whitgiftians 3 Oxshott 0; O Cranleighans 10 Portsmouth 1; Oxted 0 O Walcountians 4. Postponed: Petersfield v Camberley. Middlesex, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxon: Amersham 1 Bracknell 1; Farnham Common 1 West Hampstead 2; Lions 3 Milton Keynes 2; Newbury 2 Wokingham 4; O Kingstonians 3 Marlow 0; PHC Chiswick 1 Phoenix 0; Richings Park 3 Gerrards Cross 1; Staines 6 City Of Oxford 1; Sunbury 0 Hendon 2. Postponed: Ashford P Hayes P. Kent and Sussex: Ashford 3 Tulse Hill 1; BBHC 2 Sevenoaks 2; Bexley Invicta 3 Lloyd Bank 3; Blackheath 5 Worthing 2; Brighton 5 Burnt Ash 4; Folkestone 0 Eastbourne 1; Horsham 4 Newhaven 4; Marden Russets 1 O Williamsonians 3; Middleton-Bognor 0 Mid Sussex 4; O Bordenians 3 O Holcombeians 3.

ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE: Premier A: Bishops Stortford 2 Colchester 2; Cambridge Univ 2 Crostyx 2; Clacton 2 Ipswich 2; Luton Town 2 Peterborough Tn 8; Sudbury 2 Cambridge City 5.

ADELAIDE, Australia: Champions' Trophy: Saturday: Holland 3 South Korea 1; Australia 3 Spain 0; Germany 4 Pakistan 1. Sunday: Germany 2 Holland 2; Spain 6 South Korea 2; Australia 5 Pakistan 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	2	0	0	8	3	5	6
Germany	1	1	0	6	3	3	4
Holland	1	1	0	5	3	2	4
Spain	1	0	1	6	5	1	3
Pakistan	0	0	2	4	9	-5	0
South Korea	0	0	2	2	9	-7	0

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: Ayr 4 Nottingham 2; Newcastle 1 Basingstoke 1; Bracknell 2 Manchester 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Detroit 3 Tampa Bay 0; Carolina 2 New Jersey 1; Dallas 7 Chicago 0; Anaheim 1 Ottawa 1. Carolina 2 New Jersey 1; Detroit 3 Tampa Bay 0; Dallas 7 Chicago 0; Anaheim 1 Ottawa 1. Saturday: Pittsburgh 4 Carolina 1; Washington 3 New York Islanders 1; Edmonton 2 Toronto 1; Philadelphia 6 Montreal 2; New Jersey 3 Buffalo 2; St Louis 5 Florida 3; Colorado 3 Phoenix 3; San Jose 5 Boston 2; New York Rangers 6 Vancouver 3.

Eastern Conference

Atlantic division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Washington	5	1	0	25	13	10
Philadelphia	4	2	0	19	13	8
New Jersey	3	2	0	13	12	6
NY Rangers	1	0	4	14	11	6
Tampa Bay	2	2	1	12	11	5
NY Islanders	1	2	1	9	11	3
Florida	1	2	0	9	11	2

North East division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Ottawa	2	1	2	10	10	6
Montreal	2	1	1	11	9	5
Buffalo	2	3	1	15	17	5
Pittsburgh	2	3	1	15	18	5
Boston	2	3	0	14	19	4
Carolina	1	4	1	13	19	3

Western Conference

Central division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Detroit	4	0	0	17	4	8
St Louis	4	1	0	18	11	8
Dallas	2	2	1	15	9	5
Phoenix	2	2	1	15	16	5
Toronto	1	3	1	8	12	3
Chicago	0	4	0	5	20	0

Pacific division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Colorado	4	0	2	18	10	10
Edmonton	2	2	1	12	18	5
San Jose	2	3	0	13	13	4
Anaheim	1	1	1	6	6	3
Vancouver	1	2	1	10	13	3
Los Angeles	0	2	3	15	17	3
Calgary	0	3	1	4	10	1

LACROSSE

SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE: Premier division: Mellor 8 Stockport 9; Sheffield University 7 Hulmeians 15; Boardman and Eccles 13 Poynton 10; Cheadle 6 Heaton Mersey 6; Old Waconians 17 Cheadle Hulme 10

RUGBY LEAGUE

World club championship

Semi-final

Cronulla 18 Hunter 22

Cronulla Sharks: Tries: Ettingshausen, Richardson, Rogers. Goals: Rogers 3. Hunter Mariners: Tries: Kimmorley 2, Doherty, Zisti. Goals: K Iro 2, Swain.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Askam 25 Leigh Miners 30; Beverley 33 Woolston 10; Haworth 18 Wigan St Patrick's 24; Lock Lane 48 Dudley Hill 0; Mayfield 20 West Hull 19; Oldham St Anne's 21 Egremont 4; Walney Central 21 Saddleworth 6. First division: Barrow Island 12 Millom 32; East Leeds 12 Milford 20; Leigh East 16 Redhill 14; Moldgreen 17 Blackbrook 12; Oulton 17 Thornhill 22; Skirlaugh 44 Eastmoor 10; Wigan St Jude's 30 Shaw Cross 10. Second division: Dewsbury Moor 4 Normanton 42; Dodworth 48 London Students 4

SPEEDWAY

CRAVEN SHIELD: First round: First leg: Belle Vue 11 Swindon 19 (abandoned after five heats). Second leg: King's Lynn 51 Ipswich 39 (King's Lynn win 91-89 on aggregate).

YOUNG SHIELD: First round: Arena Essex 45 Long Eaton 44

EDINBURGH: Scottish Riders Championship (Neil Hewitt Benefit): K McKinna (Edinburgh) 14 J Grieves (Wolverhampton) 13 (after a run off); S Lamb (Berwick) 13 S McDonald (Glasgow) 13 fell.

TENNIS

VIENNA: CA Trophy tennis tournament: Semi-finals: G Rusedski (GB) bt T Henman (GB) 6-4, 6-4; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt R Krajicek (Holl) 5-7, 6-4, 7-6. Final: Ivanisevic bt Rusedski 3-6, 6-7, 7-6, 6-2, 6-3

SINGAPORE: Heineken cup: Singles: Semi-finals: N Kiefer (Ger) bt M Tillstrom (Swe) 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt T Johansson (Swe) 7-6, 4-6, 7-6. Final: Gustafsson bt Kiefer 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

FILDERSTADT, Germany: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: L Raymond (US) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 6-3, 6-1; M Hingis (Switz) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-2, 6-1. Final: Hingis bt Raymond 6-4, 6-2.

MELTON MOWBRAY: Girobank Tour: Men: Quarter-finals: P Hand (Berkshire) bt G Hewertson (SA) 6-2, 6-3; A Harbourt (Middlesex) bt J Smith (North Hants) 7-5, 6-3; C Edmondson (Lancashire) bt D Crawley (Norfolk) 4-6, 6-2, 6-0; G Henderson (Yorkshire) bt P Scullard (Hampshire) 3-6, 6-3, 7-6. Semi-finals: Hand bt Harbott 7-5, 6-3; Henderson bt Edmondson 6-4, 1-6, 6-1. Final: Henderson bt Hand 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Women: Quarter-finals: L Ahl (Devon) bt E Erbora (Cz) 6-0, 6-0; C Carter (Nottinghamshire) bt J White (North Hants) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; J Dawson (Sussex) bt P Nemcova (Cz) 6-4, 6-2; E Jeffs (Oxfordshire) bt R Foster (Lancashire) 6-0, 6-0. Semi-finals: Ahl bt Carter 6-1, 6-1; Jeffs bt Dawson 6-1, 6-4. Final: Ahl bt Jeffs 6-3, 6-2.

ATHLETICS

Cross country

NEWBOLD REVEL: Prison Service European Invitation 10km: 1, J Dupuy (Fr) 34min 37sec; equal 2, J Rodrigues (Por) and J Prata (Por) 34 52; 4, J Chicharo (Por) 35 02; 5, M Sherriff (Eng and Wales) 35 05. Teams: 1 France 1,679pts, 2, England and Wales 1,601, 3, Portugal 1,541, 4, Ireland 1,277, 5 Northern Ireland 1,046; 6, Holland 1,007. Veteran: I Parks (N Ire) 37.47. Women: 1 B Cardy-Wise (Eng and Wales) 41 24; 2, J Ayres (Eng and Wales) 43·44; 3, F Cooke (Eng and Wales) 47:05. Teams: 1, England and Wales 442, 2, France 299, 3, Holland 283

RICHMOND PARK: Surrey Veterans Championships: Men (10km) 1, B Attwell (South London Harriers) 33:09, 2, E Thomas (Metropolitan Police) 33.35, 3, R Treadwell (Redhill and Surrey Beagles, holder) 34·04. Teams: 1, South London Harriers 14pts; 2, Hercules Wimbledon 24, 3, Thames Hare and Hounds 37. Over-45: 1, G Tuck (Hercules Wimbledon) 34 20; 2, T O'Neill (Veterans AC) 35·33, 3 L Cherrington (Thames Hare and Hounds) 36.02. Over-50: 1, S Badgery (Hercules Wimbledon) 35 37. Teams: 1, Hercules Wimbledon 10pts, 2, Stragglers 34; 3, South London Harriers 35. Over-55: 1, D Newbold (South London Harriers) 41:32. Over-60: 1, K Spacie (Thames Hare and Hounds) 40 53. Team: 1, Epsom and Ewell 19. Women (5km) 1, C Pauzers (Herne Hill) 18·47, 2, S Dawson (Herne Hill) 19 34; 3, V Mitchell (South London Harriers) 20·05. Teams: 1, Herne Hill 12; 2, South London Harriers 25; 3, Epsom and Ewell 32. Over-40: 1, S Young (Dorking and Mole Valley) 18 59. Over-45: 1, J Davies (Epsom and Ewell, holder) 19·50. Over-50: 1, M Auerbach (Ranelagh) 20·40.

DULWICH PARK: Dulwich Runners Charity race (10km): 1, J Keino (Ken) 30:25; 2, S Munyon (Ken) 30.25; 3, R Tomas (Belle Vue Racers) 32:57. Teams: 1, Kent AC 82, 2, Dulwich Runners 88; 3, Serpentine 131. Veteran: B Hutchinson (Kent AC) 32·58. Over-50: P Giles (Unattached) 36 58. Women: 1, A Solly (North London) 38·43. 2, G Narurkar (Thames Hare and Hounds) 39·45, 3, M Johnson (Serpentine) 40 10. Teams: 1 Dulwich Runners 62, 2, Dulwich Park 117, 3, Serpentine 118

WATFORD: Chiltern League: First division. Men: 1, J Critchlow (Watford) 27 57 2, T Hyde (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 28 00, 3 W Levett (Vauxhall) 28:07. Veteran: 1, G Goode (Chiltern) 30·07. Women: 1, S White (Chiltern) 24 36; 2, K Gallagher (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 25.24 3, R Quinn (Wycombe Phoenix) 25·25. Teams: 1, Chiltern 92pts. 2, Windsor, Slough and Eton 92; 3, Vauxhall 57

CHINGFORD: Chingford League (5m) 1, M Smith (Haringey) 27 13; 2, N Fone (Enfield) 27 17, 3, P Branston (Walthamstow) 27 18. Teams: 1 Haringey 98; 2 Muswell Hill 145, 3, Walthamstow 147. Veteran: 1, D Wilcock (Barnet) 27:25. Over-50: 1, W Wootton (Thurrock, guest) 28:28. Over-60: 1, R Higgs (Barnet) 32·03. Team: 1, Haringey 142, 2, Muswell Hill 147, 3, Barnet 152

BOURNEMOUTH: Ron Hill Southern Women's League (5km) 1, H Yelling (Hounslow) 29 32; 2, C Thomas (Peterborough) 20 39; 3 S York (Hertford and Ware) 21·03. Teams: 1, Hounslow 55 2, Highgate 80 3 Ealing, Southall and Middlesex 110. Veteran: S Ogilvie (Oxford City) 22:31. Junior (4km) 1, C Campbell (Shaftesbury Barnet) 16 40. Team: Shaftesbury Barnet 39. Under-15 (3.5km) N Newton (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 13 47. Team: Aldershot, Farnham and District 19. Under-13 (3km): C Moore (Bournemouth) 14:07. Team: 1, Bedford 46pts

HAWICK: Scottish East District Relays: Men (4 x 4km): 1, Mizuno 53:11; 2, Falkirk Victoria 54·58; 3, City of Edinburgh 55·40. Fastest lap: J Ross (Mizuno) 13 03. Women (3 x 4km) 1, Aberdeen 50:58; 2, Edinburgh Woollen Mill 51:57; 3, Gala Harriers 60·35. Fastest lap: T Brindley (Aberdeen) 15:19.

RUISLIP WOODS: Inter-club: Men (5m): 1, K Kay (Hillingdon) 30:10, 2, S Andrew (Hillingdon) 31:24, 3, P Carter (Ealing, Southall and Middlesex) 31·51. Teams: 1, Hillingdon 7; 2, Ealing, Southall and Middlesex 23; 3, Thames Valley Harriers 53. Veteran: A Miles (Hillingdon) 32·14. Women (2.5m): 1, Y Budd (Hillingdon) 15 58, 2, S Miles (Hillingdon) 16:09; 3, K Armstrong (Shaftesbury Barnet) 16:28

WEST WICKHAM: Blackheath five-mile championship: 1, S Maxwell (Woodford Green, guest) 28 40, 2, M Watling 28·43; 3, R Daniels 28:53; 4, G Holbrook 29·01. Veteran: 1, H Morten 29:59. Women: 1, G Viney (Blackheath) 34·40.

Road running

NORTH SOLIHULL: Nike BAF 10-kilometre championships: Men: 1, B Rushworth (Sunderland) 29:26, 2, A O'Brien (Liverpool) 29:32; 3, C Udall (Birchfield) 29 44; 4, M Price (Sunderland) 29·47; 5, M Cox (Salford) 29·55; 6, P Taylor (Border, holder) 30:02. Teams: 1, Sunderland 47, 2, Tipton 84; 3, Sale 125. Women: 1, B Dagne (Essex Ladies) 34·04, 2, M Myers (Parkside Harrow) 34:22, 3, L Wright (Leeds City) 35·05; 4, S Renstord (Bedford) 35:37; 5, P Thackray (Hallamshire) 35·52; 6, J Turnbull (Bury) 35·55. Teams: 1, Centurion Road Runners 63; 2, Royal Sutton Coldfield 89.

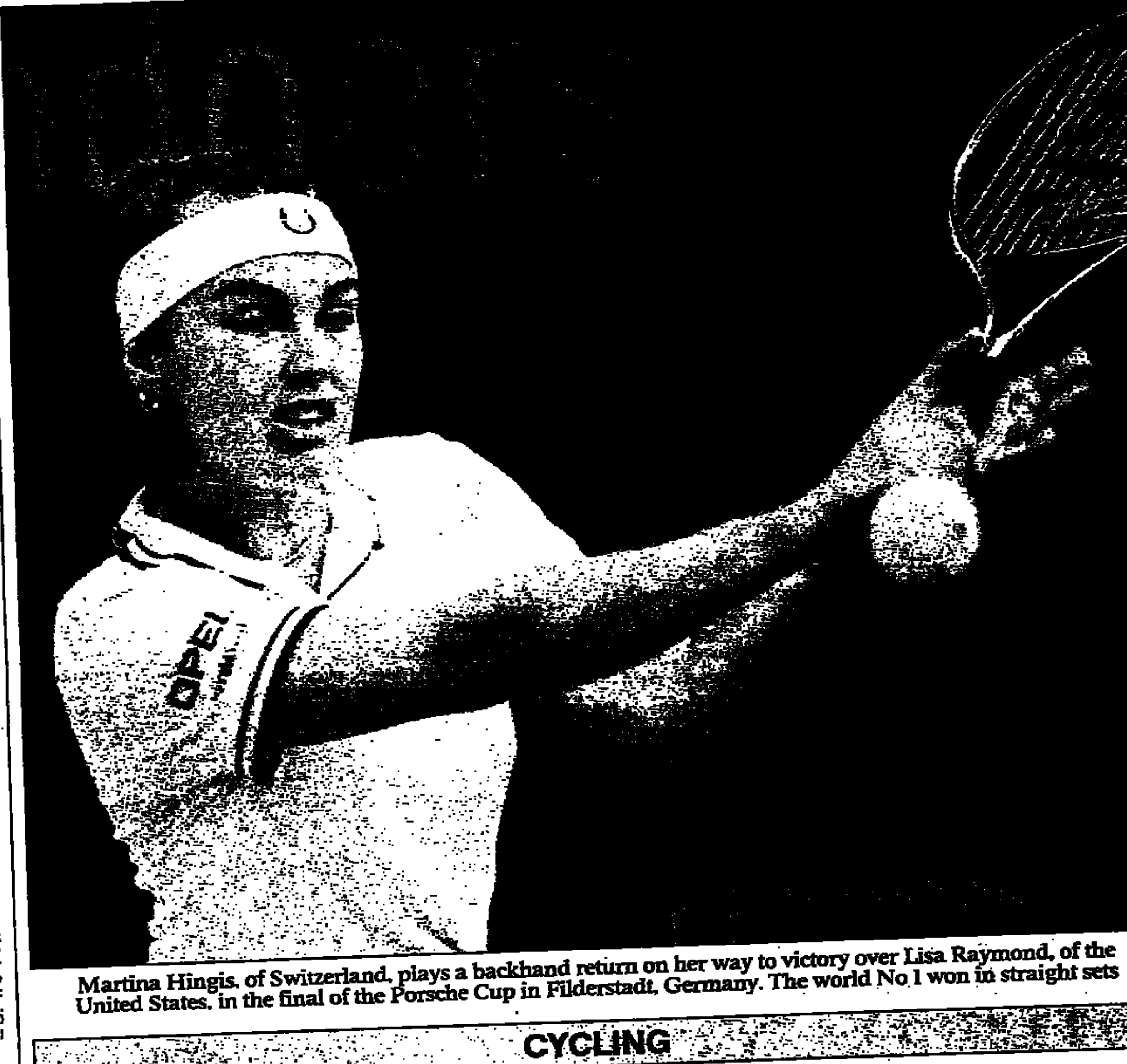
KINGSTON: Pepsi Max marathon: 1, S Milford (Newquay Road Runners) 2hr 30min 50sec (course record); 2 M Davidson (Plymouth Harriers) 2:45·08, 3, A Russell (Babcock Pitreavie) 2·57·07. Women: 1, D Pycroft (Wootton Road Runners) 3 04:25; 2, S Newton 3·26:51; 3, L Ward 3:18 43.

Track and field

TOOTING BEC: Sri Chinmoy track 24 hours: Men: 1, J Kocourek (Cz) 242 981km (150miles, 1,727yds), 2, L Bazzana (It) 236,181 (146 1,331), 3, R Brown (Surrey WC) 207 215 (128 1,333). Women: 1, S Gayter (100km Assn) 193 448 (120, 1,357), 2, R Dwyer (Poole Runners) 163 720 (101, 1,286), 3, P Bonner (Finch Coasters) 142 062 (88, 481). BAF/AAA 24 track championships: Men: 1, R Brown (Surrey WC) 207 215 (128, 1,333), 2, G Oliver (100km Assn) 203 553 (126, 848), 3, I Stone (100km Assn) 188 581 (117, 315). Women: 1, S Gayter (100km Assn) 193 448 (120, 357), 2, R Dwyer (Poole Runners) 163 720 (101, 1,286), 3, P Bonner (Finch Coasters) 142 062 (88, 481)

Fell running

GREAT LANGDALE, Cumbria: (14m, 4,000ft): Men: 1, G Bland (Borrowdale) 1hr 56min 13sec 2, A Davies (Borrowdale) 2 01 10; 3, J Davies (Borrowdale) 2·05 21; 4 J McQueen (Eryri) 2·08:09; 5, R Jebb (Bingley) 2·09·50; 6, M Horrocks (Clayton-le-Moors) 2 10 12. Over-40: W Bell (Cumberland Fell Runners 8th) 2·14 14. Over-50: K Carr (Clayton-le-Moors) 2·26:22. Over-60: D Brown (Clayton-le-Moors) 3 03.36. Team: Borrowdale 6pts. Women: 1, Y Hague (Pudsey and Bramley, 37th) 2·32·42. 2, S Brown (Bowland) 2·45.28, 3, J Rae (Westerlands) 3·00·08. Over-35: W Dodds (Clayton-le-Moors, 4th) 3 01 47



Martina Hingis, of Switzerland, plays a backhand return on her way to victory over Lisa Raymond, of the United States, in the final of the Porsche Cup in Filderstadt, Germany. The world No 1 won in straight sets

CYCLING

TIME TRIALS: Bognor Regis CC (Circuit of Goodwood, 28 miles): 1, P Rogers (VC St Raphael) 1:13 47; 2, M Jones (GS Stella) 1 15:06, 3, S House (Craven CRT) 1 16.01. Team: GS Stella 3 54.28. Chippenham and District Wheelers (team, 27 miles) 1 Port Talbot Wheelers (G Evans, P Jones, D Abbott) 1·03 30; 2, Oxford City RC 1·04 40; 3, Dursley RC 1.05 04. Chesterfield Spire RC two-up (Ranby, North Nottinghamshire, 25 miles): 1, G Butler (Norwood Paragon) and D Perry (Preston Wheelers) 48 51 (event record); 2, G Dighton (Leo RC) and A Proffitt (VC Deal) 49:24; 3, B Harwood and J Ramsbottom (North Wirral Velo) 49 29. Hillingdon CC (Marlow 25 miles): 1, S Howes (Giant RT) 51.10, 2, P Holdsworth (Hounslow and District Wheelers) 55:00, 3, M Doe (34 Nomads CC) 55 35. Team: Hemel Hempstead CC 2 58·08. Norlond Combine (Tempsford, Bedfordshire, 25 miles) 1, I Cammish (St Neots CC) 53.38; 2, G Bunyan (North Bucks RC) 55 33, 3, A Bradford (St Neots RC) 56·05. Team: North Bucks RC 2 54·22. Solona CC (Andover, 25 miles): 1, S Wallace (Harlow CC) 54·36, 2 E Deane (Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers) 55 31; 3, J Clarke (Salisbury RC) 56 20. Team: Salisbury RC 3:01·36. Swindon RC (Lechlade, 25 miles). 1, E Deane (Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers) 55·16; 2, A Strickland (Cornnum CC) 57.06; 3, A Cook (Chippenham and District Wheelers) 57 15. Norwich ABC (Bungay, 25 miles): 1, M Pyne (Leo RC) 55 33 (course record); 2, I Cammish (Velo Viento) 56·28, 3, T Barber (VC Norwich) 57·48. Team: East Anglian CC 3·18:29. Norwich ABC (Bungay, 10 miles): 1, A Horner (Leo RC) 20·17 (course record); 2, M Pyne (Leo RC) 20·53; 3, T Bayley (VC Deal) 21·03. Team: VC Norwich 1·08 43

ROAD RACING: SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain: World championships: Men: 256.5km: 1, L Brochard (Fr) 6hr 16min 48sec; 2, B Hamburger (Den); 3, L Van Bon (Holl); 4, U Bolts (Ger); 5, M Mauri (Sp); 6, L Dufaux (Switz) all same time. Under 23: Men: 182km: 1, K-A Arvesen (Nor) 3hr 46min 28sec; 2, O Freire (Sp); 3, G Glomser (Austria) both same time. Women: 108km: 1, A Cappellotto (It) 2hr 44min 37sec; 2, E Tadich (Aus); 3, C Marsal (Fr) both same time

CYCLO-CROSS: Derwent Valley ATC (Ravenswood, Nottinghamshire, 11 miles). 1, C Sturgeon (Team Orange) 50:52; 2, G Foord (Scott International) at 28sec; 3, M Seddon (Ace RT) at 2:52

JUDO

PARIS: World Judo championships

MEN: Over 95kg: Gold: D Douillet (Fr). Silver: S Shinohara (Japan). Bronze: P Son (China) and T Timenov (Russ). 95kg: Gold: P Nastula (Pol). Silver: A Miguel (Br) Bronze: C Lemaire (Fr) and I Radu (Rom). 86kg: Gold: J Ki-young (S Kor). Silver: M Spittka (Ger). Bronze: B Olsen (US) and M Monti (It). 78kg: Gold: C In-chol (S Kor). Silver: D Bouras (Fr). Bronze: P Reiter (Austria) and Kwak Ok-Chol (S Kor). 71kg: Gold: K Nakamura (Japan). Silver: C Gagliano (Fr). Bronze: G Bantes (Por) and V Zelenij (Latvia). 65kg: Gold: K Hyuk (S Kor). Silver: L Benboudaoud (Fr). Bronze: G Vazagashvili (Georgia) and V Bivol (Mol). 60kg: Gold: T Nomura (Japan). Silver: G Revazishvili (Georgia). Bronze: C Taymans (Bel) and F Miyata (Br). Open: Gold: R Kubacki (Pol). Silver: Y Makishi (Japan). Bronze: D Van der Geest (Ned) and H Van Barneveld (Bel).

WOMEN: Over 72kg: Gold: C Cicot (Fr). Silver: M Ninomiya (Japan). Bronze: S Fuming (China) and B Maksymow (Pol). 72kg: Gold: N Anno (Japan). Silver: D Luna (Cuba). Bronze: U Warbrouck (Bel) and E Silva (Br). 66kg: Gold: K Howey (GB). Silver: A von Rekowski (Ger). Bronze: E Pierantozzi (It) and C Min-sun (S Kor). 61kg: Gold: S Vandenhende (Fr). Silver: G Vandecaveye (Bel). Bronze: S Alvarez (Sp) and Jung-Sung-sook (S Kor). 56kg: Gold: I Fernandez (Sp). Silver: D Gonzales (Cuba). Bronze: C Tateno (Japan) and M Baton (Fr). 52kg: Gold: M C Restoux (Fr). Silver: K Sun-hui (N Kor). Bronze: N Feigothier (Bel) and H Sook-hee (S Kor). 48kg: Gold: R Tamura (Japan). Silver: A Savon (Cuba) Bronze: P Tong-suk (N Kor) and M Kurath (Switz). Open: Gold: D Beltran (Cuba). Silver: R Barrientos (Sp). Bronze: M Ninomiya (Japan) and Yuan Hua (China).

ROWING

PAIRS HEAD OF THE RIVER: Double Sculls: Men: Open: Queens Tower (Kettle and Gale) 12min 13sec. Senior Two: London V (Watkin and Brown) 12:48. Junior St Pauls I: Lovett and Bourne 13.08. Veteran: Walton II (Hassan and Scrivener) 12 32. Veteran (handicap): Tideway Scullers/Army (Gramolt and Harris) 13.28. Women: Open: Tideway scullers II (Toye and Dale) 13min 49sec. Senior II: Kingstone IV (Rooks and Dring) 13.29. Mixed: Leander/Danske Studentr (Cracknell and Haslov) 12.41. Coxless Pairs: Men: Open: London VII (Warnock and Hudson) 12.57. Senior I: Kingston II (Andrews and Shirley) 13.23. Senior II: Oxford University Lightweight (Heise and Watkinson) 13.29. Junior Eton I: McGarel-Groves and Pinsent 13.25. Veteran Wallingford: Morris and Cusack 13.21. Women: open: Thames VII (Templeton and Dowman) 14.05. Senior II: Capital (McCulloch and Howard) 14.50.

KINGSTON JUNIOR HEAD: Quads: Men: Junior St Georges 12min 18sec. Junior 16: Tiffin 12.54. Junior 15: Hampton 13.51. Junior 14: Molesey, 14.39. Women: Junior: Lady Eleanor Holles 14.16. Junior 16: Lady Eleanor Holles, 13.56. Junior 15: Henley 14.39. Junior 14: Lady Eleanor Holles 16.52. Coxed Fours: Men: Junior St Edwards 12.51. Junior 16: Latymer 13.49. Junior 15: Latimer 15.12. Women: Junior: Lady Eleanor Holles 14.29. Junior 16: Henley 16.05

SCHOOLS SPORT

Rugby union

DAILY MAIL UNDER-18 CUP: Second round:

King Edward's, Nuneaton 7 Bromsgrove 26

Other matches:

Abingdon 48 Stowe 0
Ashville 22 Silcoates 0
Bancrofts 12 The Leys 26
Bedford Modern 5 St Joseph's, Ipswich 0
Bishop's Stortford Coll 21 The Perse 7
Bishop Wordsworth's 19 Portsmouth GS 3
Bromsgrove 10 RGS, Worcester 7
Chatham House GS 8 Dover 17
Churcher's 21 City of London Freemens' 17
Cranbrook 0 Skinners' 12
Cranleigh 5 Reigate 15
Denstone 56 Worksop 30
Durham School 24 Zebra 17
Edinburgh Academy 59 Gordonstoun 8
Eltham 35 St Dunstan's 12
Gresham's 23 Framlingham 0
Hampton 7 Watford GS 14
John Fisher 24 Trinity 0
King Edward's, Birmingham 5 King's, Worcester 5
King's, Canterbury 7
Bishop's Stortford HS 7
King's, Peterborough 3 King's, Ely 27
King's, Taunton 3 Bryanston 17
KCS Wimbledon 0 Christ's Hospital 46
Leeds GS 0 QEGS, Wakefield 65
London Oratory 0 Latymer Upper 26
Maidstone GS 10 Kent 27
Millfield 13 Blundells 6
Mill Hill 7 Sevenoaks 10
Monmouth 37 Christ's, Brecon 25
Mount St Mary's 31 Bradford GS 20
Nottingham HS 0 Hymers 28
QEGS, Barnet 8 Desborough 17
Radley 14 Cheltenham 20
Reading 0 Magdalen, Oxford 22
RGS, High Wycombe 25 Warwick 6
Royal Hospital, Ipswich 20
Cooper's Coborn 22
St Albans 35 Enfield GS 0
St Edward's, Oxford 22 Rugby 3
St Paul's 21 Harrow 3
St Peter's, York 12 Ampleforth 14
Sherborne 15 Wellington, Berks 10
Stockport GS 26 King Edward's, Lytham 0
Stonyhurst 29 Arnold 0
Tonbridge 17 Eastbourne 40
Truro 16 Plymouth 34
Uppingham 31 Bedford 8
Wells Cathedral 12 Wellington, Somerset 0
West Buckland 22 Exeter 28
Wimbledon 0 RGS, Guildford 48
Wirral GS 10 Kirkham GS 17

Lacrosse

MALVERN: Midlands girls tournament: First division: 1, Wycombe Abbey 20pts; 2, Malvern Girls College; 3, Alice Ottley 10. Second division: 1, Uppingham 25pts; 2, Malvern College 18; 3, Stowe 15. Under-15: 1, Wycombe Abbey 30pts; 2 St Helen and St Catharine 23; 3, Alice Ottley 21

RUGBY UNION

Heineken Cup

Pool A

Toulouse 38 Leinster 19

Toulouse: Tries: Garbajosa 2, Bondouy, Martin penalty try. Cons: Delaigue, Cugier. Pens: Delaigue 2 Cugier. Leinster: Try: McWeeney. Con: McGowan. Pens: McGowan 4

Milan 29 Leicester 37

Milan: Tries: Marengoni, Ravazzolo, Tassi, Tommasi, Williams. Cons: Lagisse 2. Leicester: Tries: Greenwood, M Johnson, L Lloyd, Serevi. Cons: Stransky 4. Pens: Stransky 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Toulouse	6	5	0	1	200	121	10
Leicester	6	4	0	2	163	117	8
Leinster	6	2	0	4	137	167	4
Milan	6	1	0	5	111	206	2

Pool B

Glasgow 30 Ulster 15

Glasgow: Tries: Hayes, Stott, penalty try. Cons: Hayes 3. Pens: Hayes 3. Ulster: Pens: Laing 5.

(at Scotstoun, Glasgow)

Wasps 29 Swansea 28

Wasps: Tries: King 2, Roiser. Con: Rees. Pens: Rees 4. Swansea: Tries: Stuart Davies, Moriarty, Taylor. Cons: A Williams 2. Pens: A Williams 3. Att: 5,200

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wasps	6	6	0	0	243	104	12
Glasgow	6	3	0	3	132	167	6
Swansea	6	2	0	4	157	161	4
Ulster	6	1	0	5	95	195	2

Pool C

Bath 23 Pontypridd 10

Bath: Try: Lyle. Pens: Callard 5. Dropped goal: Catt. Pontypridd: Try: Wyatt. Con: Jenkins. Pen: Jenkins

Scottish Borders 29 Brive 39

Scottish Borders: Tries: Roxburgh, Stanger. Cons: Aitchison, Welsh. Pens: Welsh 5. Brive: Tries: Viars 3, J Carrat Travers, Van der Linden. Cons: Lamaison 3. Pen: Lamaison. Att: 4,000

(at Netherdale)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	6	5	0	1	141	119	10
Brive	6	4	1	1	210	146	9
Pontypridd	6	2	1	3	154	147	5
Scottish B	6	0	0	6	129	222	0

Pool D

Cardiff 26 Bourgoin 6

Cardiff: Tries: Gareth Jones, J Thomas. Cons: Jarvis 2. Pens: Jarvis 4. Bourgoin: Pens: Geany 2.

Munster 23 Harlequins 16

Munster: Tries: Ellison, Halvey. Cons: Keane 2. Pens: Keane 3. Harlequins: Tries: O'Leary, Williams. Pens: Lacroix 2.

(at Thomond Park, Limerick)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Harlequins	6	4	0	2	198	141	8
Cardiff	6	4	0	2	184	146	8
Munster	6	2	0	4	141	180	4
Bourgoin	6	2	0	4	93	149	4

Pool E

Llanelli 31 Caledonia 10

Llanelli: Tries: Gibbs, McBryde, Moon. Cons: C Warlow 2. Pens: C Warlow 3. Dropped goal: C Warlow. Caledonia: Try: Grimes. Con: Shepherd. Pen: Shepherd

Pau 56 Treviso 7

Pau: Tries: Bacque, Bernat-Salles, Bria, Rolles, Torossian, Vignolo, two penalty tries. Cons: Aucagne 5. Pens: Aucagne 2. Treviso: Try: Dallan. Con: Mazzariol

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pau	6	4	0	2	203	93	8
Llanelli	6	4	0	2	144	142	8
Treviso	6	2	0	4	146	162	4
Caledonia	6	2	0	4	93	189	4

European Conference

Pool A

Agen 51 Ebbw Vale 12

Agen: Tries: Loubère 2, Porcu 2, Dalmaso, Mekkaoui, Prosper, Thomas. Cons: Heymans 4. Dropped goal: Heymans. Ebbw Vale: Tries: L Phillips, Woodard. Con: Woodard

La Rochelle 35 Bristol 7

La Rochelle: Tries: Dobadie, Renaud, Violaret, penalty try. Cons: Bouche 3. Pens: Bouche 2. Dropped goal: Elissade. Bristol: Try: Breeze. Con: Burke.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Agen	6	6	0	0	219	105	12
La Rochelle	6	2	0	4	126	139	4
Ebbw Vale	6	2	0	4	117	155	4
Bristol	6	2	0	4	115	180	4

Pool B

Montpellier 14 Newport 28

Montpellier: Tries: Bertrand, Gracia. Cons: Gracia 2. Newport: Tries: Lloyd, Machacek, penalty try. Cons: Connor 2. Pens: Connor 3

Sale 20 Montferrand 15

Sale: Try: Moore. Pens: Hadley 5. Montferrand: Tries: Bory 2. Con: Merceron. Pen: Merceron

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Montferrand	6	5	0	1	203	120	10
Sale	6	3	0	3	163	117	6
Newport	6	3	0	3	172	193	6
Montpellier	6	1	0	5	90	199	2

Pool C

Farul Constanta 17 Dax 23

Farul Constanta: Try: Rusanda. Pens: Ciolacu 3. Dropped goal: Florea. Dax: Tries: Darret, M Dourthe. Cons: M Dourthe 2. Pens: M Dourthe 3

Stade Français 28 London Irish 29

Stade Français: Tries: Lazerges, Mytton, Reight. Cons: Reight 2. Pens: Reight 3. London Irish: Tries: Hogan, Humphreys. Cons: Woods 2. Pens: Woods 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stade Français	6	5	0	1	337	131	10
London Irish	6	4	0	2	169	133	8
Dax	6	3	0	3	139	180	6
F Constanta	6	0	0	6	94	295	0

Pool D

Bègles 27 Nice 8

Bègles-Bordeaux: Tries: Collazo, Jean-Pierre, Laforgue, Ossard. Cons: Berthe 2. Pen: Berthe. Nice: Try: Tofolia. Dropped goal: Deauze

Northampton 15 Connacht 20

Northampton: Tries: Bell, Townsend. Con: Townsend. Pen: Townsend. Connacht: Tries: Carolan, Charlie, Maher. Con: Elwood. Pen: Elwood

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Connacht	6	5	0	1	144	97	10
Northampton	6	3	0	3	161	116	6
Begles	6	3	0	3	112	110	6
Nice	6	1	0	5	94	188	2

Pool E

Bridgend 25 Grenoble 21

Bridgend: Try: Greenaway. Con: Cull. Pens: Cull 6. Grenoble: Tries: Armand Kuzbik, Taofifenua. Cons: C Royes 3.

Richmond 25 Colomiers 49

Richmond: Tries: Chapman 2, Fallon, Mason. Con: Mason. Pen: Mason. Colomiers: Tries: Carro 2, Peysson 2, Geithe, Savourny, S Tabacco. Cons: Labit 4. Pens: Labit 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colomiers	6	6	0	0	290	121	12
Richmond	6	4	0	2	196	130	8
Bridgend	6	2	0	4	127	259	4
Grenoble	6	0	0	6	112	215	0

Pool F

Béziers 26 Toulon 12

Béziers: Tries: Quanbaev, Viard. Cons: Gratien, Mercier. Pens: Graben 4. Toulon: Pens: Burton 4.

Padova 16 Gloucester 29

Padova: Tries: Rampazzo 2. Pens: Berry 2. Gloucester: Tries: Benton, Fanolua, P Saint-Andre, Tombs, Windo. Cons: Fanolua 2. Att: 2,000.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gloucester	6	5	0	1	170	101	10
Toulon	6	3	1	2	138	104	7
Béziers	6	2	1	3	150	147	5
Padova	6	0	2	4	108	212	2

Pool G

Biarritz 32 Newcastle 28

Biarritz: Tries: Gueracague, Mazas. Cons: Mazas 2. Pens: Mazas 6. Newcastle: Tries: Simpson 2, Tuigamala. Cons: Simpson 2. Pens: Simpson 3

Edinburgh 18 Perpignan 15

Edinburgh: Tries: Gilmour, McVie. Con: Hodge. Pens: Hodge 2. Perpignan: Tries: Capetlen, Fourny. Con: Tresene. Pen: Bellot. Att: 3,000.

(at Goldenacre)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	6	5	0	1	284	98	10
Biarritz	6	3	0	3	123	153	6
Perpignan	6	2	0	4	98	138	4
Edinburgh	6	2	0	4	109	205	4

Pool H

Castres 68 Neath 8

Castres: Tries: Castaignède 2, Lassissi 2, Sarramea 2, Bede, Escalle, Hallinger, Lucquiaude. Cons: Castaignède 8, Miguel. Neath: Try: G Evans. Pen: Case.

Saracens 40 Narbonne 19

Saracens: Tries: Lynagh 2, Bracken, Olver, Sella, Singer. Cons: Lynagh 4. Lee. Narbonne: Tries: Calero, Calvet, Stoica. Cons: Beller-Toïve 2. Att: 2,300.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Castres	6	5	0	1	206	97	10
Saracens	6	5	0	1	197	130	10
Narbonne	6	2	0	4	170	138	4
Neath	6	0	0	6	93	301	0

Allied Dunbar Premiership

Second division

Coventry 18 Rotherham 12

Coventry: Pens: Harris 4. Dropped goals: Gallagher, Harris. Rotherham: Pens: Binns 4

Fylde 18 Exeter 10

Fylde: Pens: Peacock 6. Exeter: Try: penalty try. Con: Fabian. Pen: Fabian.

London Scottish 30 Wakefield 13

London Scottish: Tries: Sharman 2, Cameron, Johnson, G Smith. Con: Lee. Pen: Lee. Wakefield: Tries: Croft, Thompson. Pen: [illegible]

Moseley 16 Bedford 35

Moseley: Try: Harris. Con: M Jones. Pens: M Jones 3. Bedford: Tries: Forster 2, Boyd, Yapp. Cons: Rayer 3. Pens: Rayer 3

Waterloo 25 Orrell 14

Waterloo: Tries: Morris 2, Graham, Wool. Con: Griffiths. Pen: Griffiths. Orrell: Try: Ryan. Pens: McCarthy 2. Dropped goal: McCarthy

West Hartlepool 32 Blackheath 21

West Hartlepool: Tries: Jones 2, Morgan 2, Farmer. Cons: Vile 2. Pen: Vile. Blackheath: Tries: Clarke, Fitzgerald, Graham. Pens: Peraluna 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bedford	6	6	0	0	186	113	12
L Scottish	7	5	0	2	191	139	10
Coventry	7	5	0	2	149	103	10
Orrell	6	4	0	2	153	104	8
Waterloo	7	4	0	3	185	161	8
W Hartlepool	6	4	0	2	144	130	8
Rotherham	6	3	0	3	119	107	6
Blackheath	7	3	0	4	167	213	6
Moseley	6	2	0	4	113	143	4
Exeter	7	2	0	5	119	157	4
Fylde	6	1	0	5	85	178	2
Wakefield	7	0	0	7	114	183	0

LEADING SCORERS: 80: J Fabian (Exeter; 2 tries, 5 conversions, 20 penalty goals). 75: L Griffiths (Waterloo; 15c, 15pg). 74: M Rayer (Bedford, 10c, 18pg). 69: S Binns (Rotherham, 1t, 5c, 17pg, 1dg). 68: S Vile (West Hartlepool; 7c, 16pg, 2 dropped goals). 65: J Harris (Coventry; 1c, 20pg, 1dg). 55: D Lee (London Scottish; 1t, 7c, 10pg, 2dg). 45: C Sharman (London Scottish, 9t). 40: J Clarke (Blackheath; 8t); J Schuster (Blackheath; 1t, 4c, 9pg)

Jewson National League

First division

Liverpool St H 16 Rosslyn Park 16

Liverpool St Helens: Try: Liddle. Con: Salisbury. Pens: Salisbury 3. Rosslyn Park: Try: Maddock. Con: Maddock. Pens: Maddock 3.

Lydney 13 Otley 20

Lydney: Try: penalty try. Con: Merrett. Pens: Merrett 2. Otley: Tries: Brown, Hawkins. Cons: Rutledge 2. Pens: Rutledge 2

Newbury 16 Leeds 21

Newbury: Tries: Holloway, B Johnson. Pens: Osman 2. Leeds: Tries: Middleton, Perego. Con: Tupulotu. Pens: Tuipulotu 3

Nottingham 28 Morley 3

Nottingham: Tries: Brennan, Delaney, Smart. Cons: C Atkinson 2. Pens: C Atkinson 3. Morley: Pen: Gabriel

Reading 5 London Welsh 21

Reading: Try: Barrett. London Welsh: Tries: Reynolds 2, Raymond. Pens: Raymond 2

Rugby 20 Harrogate 13

Rugby: Tries: Ellis, Smith, penalty try. Con: Quantrill. Pen: Quantrill. Harrogate: Try: Worden. Con: Riley. Pens: Riley 2

Worcester 44 Wharfedale 11

Worcester: Tries: Hickey 3, G Clark, Evans, Linnett, Smith. Cons: Smith 3. Pen: Smith. Wharfedale: Try: Hancock. Pens: Davies, Moursey.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worcester	6	5	0	1	174	88	10
Rugby	5	5	0	0	129	80	10
London Welsh	5	4	1	0	175	84	9
Leeds	5	4	1	0	104	83	9
Reading	6	4	0	2	158	123	8
Otley	6	3	0	3	88	123	6
Rosslyn Park	5	2	1	2	76	87	5
Newbury	5	2	0	3	106	92	4
Nottingham	5	2	0	3	87	103	4
Wharfedale	6	2	0	4	129	184	4
Liverpool St H	5	1	1	3	55	106	3
Harrogate	5	1	0	4	128	115	2
Lydney	6	1	0	5	61	105	2
Morley	6	0	0	6	80	195	0

LEADING SCORERS: 68: A Moursey (Wharfedale; 3 tries, 10 conversions, 11 penalty goals). 61: S Tupolotu (Leeds; 3t, 8c, 10pg). 60: J Dance (Reading, 12c, 12pg); C Raymond (London Welsh; 2t, 13c, 8pg). 57: C Atkinson (Nottingham; 3c, 17pg). 48: A Maddock (Rosslyn Park; 1t, 2c, 13pg). 44: J Quantrill (Rugby; 1t, 9c, 7pg); P Rutledge (Otley; 2t, 5c, 8pg). 39: M Dangerfield (Newbury; 1t, 5c, 8pg)

Second division north

Aspatria 38 Manchester 62
Birmingham/S 34 Sedgley Park 17
Kendal 17 Preston Grass 6
Nuneaton 25 Lichfield 26
Sandal 17 Hinckley 12
Sheffield 20 Winnington Park 22
Walsall 15 Stourbridge 13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham	5	4	0	1	170	85	8
Sedgley Park	5	4	0	1	147	98	8
Kendal	5	3	1	1	119	64	7
Manchester	5	3	1	1	191	142	7
Sandal	5	3	1	1	101	95	7
Hinckley	4	2	0	2	89	67	4
Nuneaton	4	2	0	2	78	80	4
Sheffield	5	2	0	3	97	114	4
Walsall	5	2	0	3	90	148	4
Preston G	5	1	1	3	63	86	3
Stourbridge	4	1	0	3	88	82	2
Lichfield	4	1	0	3	74	97	2
Winnington P	4	1	0	3	75	110	2
Aspatria	4	1	0	3	70	186	2

Second division south

Barking 31 Clifton 0
Camberley 18 North Walsham 10
Havant 9 Bridgwater 8
Henley 32 Esher 5
Met Police 16 Cheltenham 13
Plymouth 11 Weston-s-Mare 13
Tabard 28 Redruth 17

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Camberley	4	4	0	0	135	59	8
Henley	4	3	0	1	94	52	6
Tabard	5	3	0	2	108	75	6
Barking	4	3	0	1	97	65	6
Esher	5	3	0	2	109	111	6
Clifton	5	3	0	2	73	106	6
Redruth	4	2	0	2	102	76	4
Cheltenham	4	2	0	2	92	84	4
North Walsham	4	2	0	2	53	65	4
Weston-s-Mare	5	2	0	3	68	96	4
Bridgwater	5	2	0	3	102	159	4
Havant	4	1	0	3	43	64	2
Met Police	4	1	0	3	61	87	2
Plymouth	5	0	0	5	79	115	0

SOUTH WEST: First division: Bracknell 41 St Ives 19; Gloucester Old Boys 37 Maidenhead 25; Launceston 21 Barnstaple 23; Matson 23 High Wycombe 10; Penzance and Newlyn 36 Berry Hill 15, Torquay 47 Stroud 19.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First division: Basingstoke 28 Old Colfeians 16; Harlow 30 Guildford and Godalming 8; Norwich 16 Cheshunt 11; Southend 0 Ruislip 20; Sutton and Epsom 17 Charlton Park 0; Staines 27 Thanet Wanderers 11; Sudbury 27 Thurrock 3; Wimbledon 22 Askeans 3.

MIDLANDS: First division: Barkers Butts 18 Camp Hill 15, Belgrave 6 Burton 9; Kenilworth 10 Scunthorpe 21; Stoke-on-Trent 32 Mansfield 16; Syston 17 Leighton Buzzard 9; Westleigh 28 Hereford 8; Whitchurch 20 Banbury 13; Wolverhampton 9 Derby 8.

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Abertillery	8	3	1	4	122	141	13	0	10
Blackwood	8	3	0	5	144	180	19	1	10
Dunvant	7	3	0	4	120	217	14	0	9
Maesteg	7	2	0	5	123	162	10	1	7
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Rent Act protection for sub-tenants in mixed tenancies

Wellcome Trust Ltd v Hamad
Ebied and Another v Hopkins and Another
Church Commissioners for England v Baines

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Brooke

[Judgment July 30]

Property governed by a tenancy which was subject to Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, covering security of tenure for *business* tenancies, could, depending on the circumstances, be treated as a dwelling house for the purposes of the Rent Act 1977, and *thus be treated as* premises which qualified for protection under section 137(3) of the Rent Act 1977.

Accordingly, sub-tenants of lawful sub-tenancies *of residential* premises in mixed tenancies, that is, both residential and business, in which the superior letting came to an end, continued to *enjoy* protection under the 1977 Act, and their tenancies were binding on the freeholders.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing the appeals of:

(1) Andel Hamad against the order of Judge Wakefield in West London County Court on April 24, 1997, that, inter alia, he should give the plaintiff, Wellcome Trust Ltd, possession of Flat 3, 1 Egerton Mansions, 209 Brompton Road, Chelsea.

(2) Edward William Hopkins against the order of Judge White in Central London County Court on February 27, 1997, that, inter alia, he should give the plaintiffs, Deborah Anne Ebied and Anne Mary Standish, possession of residential premises he occupied at 6-8 Elgin Crescent, Notting Hill.

(3) Miss Helen Baines against the order of Judge Cowell in West London County Court on November 11, 1996, that, inter alia, she held Flat 2, 271 Kings Road, Chelsea, on an assured weekly periodic tenancy and a notice of increase of rent served on her in January 1995 was valid and effective.

Mr Paul Morgan, QC and Mr Stephen Cottle for Hamad; Mr Paul Morgan, QC and Mr Andrew Short for Hopkins; Mr David Watkinson for Baines; Mr Timothy C. Dutton for Wellcome Trust; Mr David Brounger for Ebied and Standish; Mr Patrick Rolfe for the Church Commissioners.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT, giving the judgment of the court, said that the resolution of each of the appeals depended on the true construction of section 137(3) of the 1977 Act.

The county court judges were bound by *Pittalis v Grant* ([1989] QB 605) where the Court of Appeal *had held* that the sub-tenancy of residential premises under a lease of business premises came within Part II of the 1954 Act, and so the residential premises could not be treated as a dwelling house for the purposes of the 1977 Act since they could not constitute premises within the meaning of section 137(3).

That court's conclusion was reached in the light of the majority *decision of the House of Lords in Maunsell v Olins* ([1975] AC 373, 389) where Lord Wilberforce had held that the word "premises", in a statutory provision in the same terms, so far as material, as section 137(3), included any premises which as a matter of fact, and applying accepted principles, would be held to be a dwelling house for the purposes of the Act. The minority had held that the word had a narrower meaning, namely, the subject matter of the particular letting referred to.

Mr Morgan's essential argument was that *Pittalis* was wrongly decided because no consideration appeared to have been given to the authorities enshrining Lord Wilberforce's accepted principles, or to the effect of the statutory wording in the latter part of section 24(3) of the 1977 Act, the first part of which the court *applied in Pittalis*.

Some consideration was necessary on the effect of the Rent Acts on mixed tenancies from a historical *perspective to identify* the accepted principles, and his Lordship considered the impact of the different relevant statutory provisions, *and especially: Epsom Grand Stand Association Ltd v Clarke* ((1919) 35 TLR 525; WN 170), *Hicks v Snooks* ((1928) 27 LGR 175), *Vickery v Martin* ([1944] KB 679), *Wolfe v Hogan* ([1949] 2 KB 195), *Feyereisel v Turnidge* ([1952] 2 QB 29) and *Whiteley v Wilson* ([1953] 1 QB 77); *see also Cheryl Investments Ltd v Saldanha* ([1978] 1 WLR 1327, 1331-1332).

His Lordship said that Lord Wilberforce in *Maunsell v Olins* had concentrated attention on the type of premises Parliament would have had in mind as constituting *dwelling houses when* it enacted section 41 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954, the origin of the statutory provision, section 18(5) of the Rent Act 1968, he was considering.

Each of the superior lettings with which the present court was concerned constituted a tenancy to which Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 applied.

Approaching the construction of section 137(3) a priori, it appeared to contemplate that where there was a flat over a shop, and the flat was lawfully sublet for residential use so as to afford the sub-tenant protection under the Act as against the tenant, the sub-tenant should continue to enjoy the same protection against the head landlord when the superior letting came to an end.

In view of the words of qualification in section 24(3) of the 1977 Act, the fact that a tenancy was subject to the 1954 Act did not prevent any *other provision* of the 1977 Act from applying to a sub-tenancy of part of the tenancy. It had been suggested those words were arguably aimed at ensuring the continuing application of section 137(3): *The Conveyancer and Property Lawyer* ((1990) 204, 205).

The words were obviously capable of applying where part of business premises was sublet. There was nothing in *Pittalis* to *show the court considered those* words or their effect. Moreover, in reaching its conclusion, the court appeared to have overlooked all of the authorities in which Lord Wilberforce's accepted principles were contained.

Counsel for all parties before the court agreed those authorities were the source of the accepted principles. Unless the decision in *Pittalis* could be sustained by other means, it had to have been reached per incuriam and should not be followed.

The court had to test the question whether property demised by a superior tenancy constituted "premises" by asking whether it was a dwelling house within the extended meaning in the *Epsom Grand Stand* case and following cases. Before 1954 the most recent authority about the meaning of dwelling house was *Whiteley v Wilson* (at p85).

Applying that test it was plain that the premises in each of the three appeals constituted a dwelling house.

Solicitors: Bindman & Partners; Alan Edwards & Co, Kensington; Ashley Wilson, Chelsea; Cameron McKenna; Ronald Fletcher & Co, Maida Vale; Radcliffes Crossman Block.

Status as member of particular group

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal and Another, Ex parte Shah
Islam and Others v Secretary of State for the Home Department

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Henry

[Judgment July 23]

To qualify for refugee status on the ground of "membership of a particular social group" within *article 1A of the Geneva Convention* and Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees (1951) (Cmd 9171) and (1967) (Cmnd 3906) the *members of the group* had to share a common uniting attribute which set them apart from the rest of society, which was recognised as *such* by *society generally, and* which existed independently of the feared persecution.

Accordingly, Pakistani women *who were accused of adultery and* disobedience to their husbands, who were unprotected by their husbands or other male relatives and who had a well founded fear of persecution under Sharia law, including, possibly, death by stoning, if they returned to Pakistan, were not members of a "particular social group" for the purposes of claiming asylum as refugees under the Convention.

The Court of Appeal in reserved judgments allowed an appeal by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in the case of Mrs Syeda Khatoon Shah from the order of Mr Justice Sedley (*The Times* November 12, 1996) who had allowed Mrs Shah's application for judicial review of the refusal by *the Immigration Appeal Tribunal* dated August 7, 1995 of leave to appeal from the dismissal by a special adjudicator of her applica*tion for asylum on the ground that* she was not a refugee.

The court dismissed an appeal by Mrs Shahana Sadiq Islam and *her* sons, Jahanzab Islam and Orangzeb Islam, against the dismissal by the IAT of October 2, 1996 of their appeal against an *adjudicator's decision that they* were not refugees.

Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Mark Shaw for the secretary of state; Mr Nicholas Blake, QC and Miss Frances Webber for Mrs Shah; Mr Nicholas Blake, QC and Miss Stephanie Harrison for the Islam family.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that the appeals concerned Pakistani women who were seeking *asylum in this country as refugees*. Both were married and both were exposed to false allegations by their husbands that they had been *guilty of adultery*.

It was accepted that they had a well founded fear, in the event of their being forced to return to Pakistan, of persecution taking the form of physical and emotional abuse by their husbands which the local Islamic law would not only condone but would aggravate by subjecting them to the criminal processes of Sharia law under which the punishment for sexual *immorality was severe and might* lead to death by stoning.

The sole question was whether the women could claim to be *members of a particular social* group for the purposes of article 1A of the Geneva Convention, as amended, which provided: "For the purposes of the present Convention, the term 'refugee' shall apply to any person who: (2) . . . owing to well founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of . . . membership of a particular social group . . . is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country. . ."

There was a general desirability that in construing an international convention the decisions in different jurisdictions should, as far as possible, be kept in line with each other.

His Lordship referred to the decisions of the High Court of Australia in *A v Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs* (unreported February 24, 1997); of the ninth circuit of the United States Court of Appeals in *Sanchez Trujillo v Immigration and Naturalisation Service* ((1986) 801 F 2d 1571); of the Supreme Court of Canada in *Ward v Attorney-General* ([1993] 2 SCR 689) and *Chan v Canada* ((1996) 28 DLR 215); and of the Court of Appeal in *Savchenkov v Secretary of State for the Home Department* ([1996] Imm AR 28).

In the *Savchenkov* case Lord Justice McCowan referred to the following principles advanced by Mr Pannick without dissent by Mr Blake:

1 The Convention did not entitle a person to asylum whenever he feared persecution if returned to his own country. Had the Convention so intended, it could and would have said so. Instead, asylum was confined to those who could show a well founded fear of persecution on one of a number of specific grounds set out in article 1A(2).

2 To give the phrase "membership of a particular social group" too broad an interpretation would conflict with the object identified above.

3 The other Convention reasons, race, religion, nationality and political opinion, reflected a civil or political status. "Membership of a particular social group" ought to be interpreted eiusdem generis.

4 The concept of a "particular social group" had to have been intended to apply to social groups which existed independently of persecution; otherwise the limited scope of the Convention would be defeated. There would be a social group, and so a right to asylum, whenever a number of persons feared persecution for a reason common to them.

Mr Pannick acknowledged that the third *Savchenkov* principle might be too restrictive in its insistence on a genus of "civil or political status". His proposition, in substitution for the third prin*ciple was that as well as existing* independently of the persecution, there was a need for the group to be homogeneous and cohesive, *with links between members other* than their fear of persecution, albeit the group did not need to meet together in a social club.

Mr Blake relied upon certain distinguishing characteristics which isolated from the rest of society the particular group in respect of which he claimed membership for his clients: namely Pakistani women accused of adultery and domestic disobedience who were unprotected by their husbands or other male relatives.

There was no dispute as to the *first, second and fourth Savchenkov* principles. His Lordship would approve them and commended them for general use in those difficult cases.

As to the third principle, although Mr Pannick's adoption of the concepts of cohesion and homogeneity drew some justification from the United States authorities, those concepts were not helpful. They brought undesirable vagueness into an area already fraught with uncertainty because of the breadth of language adopted by the Convention.

His Lordship, accepting Mr Blake's submission, preferred to adopt the principle supported by the majority in *A v Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs*: "the Convention emphasises that the group must be a 'particular' and 'social' group. This means that the members of the group must share something which unites them, and which sets them apart from the rest of society and is recognised as such by society generally."

It was doubtful whether it was possible or desirable to attempt any more specific formulation than that.

It followed from the acceptance by both sides of the fourth *Savchenkov principle* that the common uniting attribute setting the group apart from the rest of society and recognised as such by society *generally had to be one which* existed independently of the feared persecution.

The characteristics or attributes *relied on by the applicants* were isolation, through abandonment and rejection by their husbands with no male support elsewhere, *and ostracism, condemnation by* the Pakistan community for infringement of the sexual code for women.

No one would dispute the gravity of those features or could fail to sympathise with the terror they had inspired in the applicants. For that reason the secretary of state might feel moved to regard their cases as calling for special leave to remain on compassionate and discretionary grounds.

But the sterner task for the court was to interpret a Convention which set out, as part of the price of *achieving international acceptability*, to impose limits on the definition of refugee status by abandoning a general recognition *of rights of asylum whenever they* were seen to be justified on humanitarian grounds and imposing instead a formalistic require*ment to fulfil specific category* qualifications.

In so interpreting it, the question had to be asked: did the features *relied upon represent attributes* which could be shown to exist independently of the feared persecution itself?

They could not be so regarded. The heads of persecution relied on were extreme violence at the hands of a husband or his associates, legal disabilities and discrimination, the harshness of Sharia law and the absence of protection by the authorities.

Take all those away and the stigma and the isolation necessarily departed with them. They were not independent attributes of a particular group.

Lord Justice Henry delivered a concurring judgment.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON, *concurring in the* result, said that he was unable to hold that the women were members of a particular social group. *That expression* involved a number of people being joined together in a group with some degree of cohesiveness, cooperation or interdependence; *the members* must not be solitary individuals.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Malik Law Associates; *Gulbenkian Harris Andonian*, Kensington.

Court to rule on cost of providing electronic copies of documents

Grupo Torras SA and Another v Al Sabah and Others
Jaffar v Grupo Torras and Another

Where one party to an action had scanned and organised documents electronically on its information technology system and the parties disagreed on the form for inspection of documents because of a dispute as to the appropriate charge for the compact disks, the court had power to give directions as to whether inspection should be by electronic means or hard copy.

A party contemplating reducing his documents into electronic form for the purpose of, inter alia, providing such copies on inspection might apply to the court in advance for an order regulating the matter, including the basis of charges for electronic copies.

Mr Justice Mance so held in the Queen's Bench Division on July 8 in a judgment in open court after a chambers hearing, on a summons *for directions* in an action between two plaintiffs and 56 defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiffs' documents numbered 50,000 pages [illegible] had scanned and organised in electronic form. They could readily be reduced to CD form. The defendants requested copies of those CDs.

The solicitors' original costs of reducing documents into electronic *form could not be included* in assessing reasonable charges to the defendants on inspection. Reasonable charges were to be arrived at taking into consideration the cost of copying and supplying CDs using such existing data and system.

Design right not infringed by copying surface decoration

Mark Wilkinson Furniture Ltd v Woodcraft Designs (Radcliffe) Ltd

A design right, a concept introduced by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, could not be infringed by the copying of surface decoration on an original design.

Mr Justice Jonathan Parker so held in the Chancery Division on July 30 giving judgment for the *plaintiffs*, designers and manufacturers of kitchen furniture, in an action against the defendant manufacturer for infringement of an unregistered design right in a *kitchen wall unit*.

HIS LORDSHIP said that by section 213 of the Act, the drafting of which left a lot to be desired, a design right was a property right which subsisted in an original design.

By section 213(2) a design meant the design of any aspect of the shape or configuration, whether internal or external, of the whole or part of an article. Section 213(2)(c) excluded surface decoration from the definition of a design right.

By section 226, a design right was infringed by copying the design so as to produce articles exactly or substantially to that design without the licence of the design right owner.

If surface decoration were included, copying could be relied on as an infringing act which was plainly nonsensical. That anomaly *could be avoided by reading into* section 226 the definition of "design" in section 51(3), which excluded surface decoration, so that the copying of *surface decoration* could not constitute an infringement of a design right. That must have been Parliament's intention.

Arbitrator has jurisdiction over all claims

Halki Shipping Corporation v Sopex Oils Ltd

Before Mr Justice Clarke

[Judgment July 7]

An arbitration clause in an agreement governed by the Arbitration Act 1996 gave an arbitrator jurisdiction over all claims which either party refused to pay. No such claims were justiciable in a court of law as a result of the enactment of section 9(4) of the Arbitration Act 1996, which omitted key words included in section 1(1) of the Arbitration Act 1975.

Where an amount was due under an agreement subject to an arbitration clause and the amount was either disputed or simply not paid, there was "a dispute as to the amount due" even where no answer to the claim existed in law or in fact. That dispute had to go to arbitration and any proceedings brought in respect of it were bound to be stayed under section 9(4) of the 1996 Act.

Mr Justice Clarke so held in the Admiralty Court of the Queen's Bench Division, giving judgment in open court after a hearing in chambers, and staying an action for demurrage brought by the *plaintiffs*, Halki Shipping Corporation, the owners of the motor tanker Halki, which was chartered to the defendants, Sopex *Oils Ltd, under a tanker voyage* charterparty of June 20, 1995 for the carriage of palm oil and coconut oil from the Far East to *Europe*.

Mr Nicholas Hamblen, QC, for the owners; Mr Richard Waller for the charterers.

MR JUSTICE CLARKE said that the owners claimed that the charterers failed to load and discharge the vessel within the laytime provided in the charterparty. As a result they claimed demurrage in the sum of US$517,473.96. The claim was thus for liquidated damages for breach of the charterparty.

The charterers did not admit liability. By clause 9 of the charterparty any dispute arising from or in connection with the charterparty was to be referred to arbitration in London.

The owners issued a writ claiming demurrage. The charterers sought a stay under section 9 of the 1996 Act, which provided by subsection (1) that a party to an arbitration agreement against whom legal proceedings were brought in respect of a matter which under the agreement was to be referred to arbitration could apply to the court to stay the proceedings.

The owners applied for summary judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The charterers submitted that the court had no jurisdiction to allow the action to continue but was bound to grant a stay under section 9 of the 1996 Act.

The main question was whether the action was in respect of a matter which under the charterparty was to be referred to arbitration, which depended on whether there was any relevant dispute between the parties.

The charterers submitted that the purpose of the arbitration clause was to submit to arbitration all disputes arising from or in connection with the charterparty, including any claim by one party which the other party refused to admit or did not pay.

Unassisted by authority, his Lordship would accept that submission. The wording of the particular charterparty supported it. There was no commercial or legal reason to reach any other conclusion, especially in the light of the 1996 Act. The arbitrators had power to make interim awards under section 47 and, with the consent of the parties, provisional awards under section 39. There was no reason why the arbitral process should be any slower or less effective than legal process in the courts.

The owners submitted that the parties could not have intended to submit to arbitration claims to which there was obviously no answer in fact or law. His Lordship did not accept that although in a number of cases the courts had *said that the practice of permitting* a party to obtain judgment under Order 14 in such a case was useful.

A strong body of authority supported the charterers' submissions. The Court of Appeal in *Ellerine Brothers Pty Ltd v Klinger* ([1982] 1 WLR 1375, 1383) Lord Justice Templeman had said: "There is a dispute until the defendant admits that the sum is due and payable."

In *Hayter v Nelson* ([1990] 2 Lloyd's Rep 265) on an application for a stay under section 1 of the Arbitration Act 1975 Mr Justice Saville had considered the concluding words of section 1(1) of the 1975 Act, which provided that where proceedings were commenced in respect of any matter agreed to be referred to arbitration the court was bound to grant a stay unless satisfied that the arbitration agreement was inoperative or incapable of being performed [or that there was not in fact any dispute between the parties with regard to the matter agreed to be referred].

Those concluding words of section 1(1) of the 1975 Act were re-enacted in section 9(4) of the 1996 Act, save that the words in square brackets were omitted. That was a key difference because it radically altered the position as it was before and, save in very limited circumstances, left all disputes within the arbitration clause to be determined by the agreed tribunal.

In *Hayter v Nelson* Mr Justice Saville held that the words "there is not in fact anything disputable" meant "there is not in fact anything disputable" so that in such a case the court could refuse a stay and give judgment under Order 14. That had been removed leaving all questions within the jurisdiction of the arbitrators to be determined by them.

In *Nova (Jersey) Knit Ltd v Kammgarn Spinnerei GmbH* ([1977] 1 WLR 713) the House of Lords concluded that there was no dispute as to claims on bills of exchange, since an unliquidated cross-claim could not form a valid defence and therefore could not be used to create a dispute on a bill of exchange. It was doubtful whether that conclusion was part of the ratio decidendi, and had been regarded in later cases as dependent on the final words in section 1(1) of the 1975 Act.

Ellerine v Klinger was binding Court of Appeal authority in favour of the charterers' construction of the clause.

The removal of the key words in section 1(1) of the 1975 Act from section 9(4) of the 1996 Act also meant that the charterers were entitled to a stay.

Solicitors: Dorman & Co; Clifford Chance.

All property liable

Regina v Brett

Section 2(3)(a)(i) of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 applied to any property held by the defendant at the time of or after his conviction, whenever that property was obtained.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Nelson and Sir Patrick Russell) so held in a reserved judgment on June 20 when dismissing the appeal against sentence of confiscation order under the 1986 Act of £29,514.30 of Terence David Brett. The appellant was convicted on July 11, 1995 in Snaresbrook Crown Court of various drug offences and sentenced to a five-year prison term in addition to the confiscation order.

MR JUSTICE NELSON said that the appellant had argued that the section applied only to payments received and held by the defendant after his conviction, and that as the sums in question were outside the six-year limit cited in section 2(3)(a)(i) and had been held by the appellant long before his conviction, the section did not apply and the assumption under section 2 that that money related to or was the proceeds of drug trafficking could not be made.

That argument was not accepted.

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Jurisdiction clause valid despite challenge to contract

Benincasa v Dentalkit Srl

Case C-269/95

Before G. F. Mancini, President of Sixth Chamber and Judges J. L. Murray, C. N. Kakouris, P. J. G. Kapteyn and H. Ragnemalm

Advocate General D. Ruiz-Jarabo Colomer

(Opinion February 20)

[Judgment July 3]

A person who concluded a contract with a view to the present or future pursuance of a trade or profession was not a "consumer" in the meaning of jurisdiction provisions of the Brussels Convention.

The courts designated in a validly concluded jurisdiction clause had exclusive jurisdiction even where it was sought in the proceedings to have the entire contract, including that clause, declared void.

The Sixth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference by the Oberlandesgericht (Higher Regional Court) München *under the* protocol of June 3, 1971 on the interpretation by the Court of Justice of the Brussels Convention of September 27, 1968 on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, for a preliminary ruling on the interpretation of provisions of the Convention as amended by the Convention of October 9, 1978 on the accession of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom (OJ 1978 L304, p77).

The plaintiff, an Italian national, *concluded a franchising contract* with the defendant, which had its seat in Florence and had developed a chain of franchised shops in Italy specialising in *the sale of dental* hygiene products, for setting up and operating a shop in Munich.

The plaintiff was to pay an initial sum to the defendant for technical and commercial assistance, and to equip the premises at his own cost.

A clause of the contract provided that the courts of Florence were to have jurisdiction to entertain any *dispute* relating to the contract.

The plaintiff set up the shop, paid the initial sum, made some purchases for which he never paid, and then ceased *trading*.

He brought proceedings in Munich for the franchising contract to be declared void on the ground that the entire contract was void under German law.

In maintaining that the Munich courts had jurisdiction, he argued, inter alia, that the jurisdiction clause in the contract had no effect as his action sought to declare the entire contract, including that clause, void, and that since he had not yet started trading he should be regarded as a "consumer" *within* articles 13 and 14 of the Convention.

Article 13, in section 4, provides: "In proceedings concerning a contract concluded by a person for a purpose which can be regarded as being outside his trade or profession, hereinafter called 'the consumer,' jurisdiction shall be determined by this section . . ."

Article 14, also in section 4, provides: "A consumer may bring proceedings against the other party to a contract either in the courts of the contracting state in which that party is domiciled or in the courts of the contracting state in which he is himself domiciled . . ."

Article 17 provides: "If the parties . . . have agreed that a court or the courts of a contracting state are to have jurisdiction to settle any *disputes . . . in connection with a* particular legal relationship, that court or those courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction . . ."

In its judgment the Sixth Chamber of the Court of Justice held:

It was settled law that the first *paragraph of article 13 affected* only a private final consumer, not engaged in trade or professional activities.

To determine whether a person had the capacity of a consumer, a concept which was to be strictly construed, reference had to be made to the position of that person in a particular contract, having regard to the nature and aim of the contract, and not to the subjective position of the person.

The same person could not be regarded as a consumer in relation to certain transactions and as an economic operator in relation to others.

Consequently, only contracts concluded for the purpose of satisfying an individual's own needs in terms of private consumption came under the provisions designed to protect the consumer as the party deemed to be the weaker party economically.

The specific protection sought to be afforded by those provisions was unwarranted in the case of contracts for the purpose of trade *or professional activity, even if that* activity was only planned for the future, since the fact that an activity was in the nature of a future activity did not divest it in any way of its trade or professional character.

Accordingly, it was consistent with the wording, the spirit and the aim of the provisions concerned to consider that the protective rules enshrined in them applied only to contracts concluded outside and independently of any trade or professional activity or purpose, whether present or future.

While a jurisdiction clause, which served a procedural purpose, was governed by the provisions of *the Convention*, the substantive provisions of the contract, and any dispute as to its validity, were governed by the private international law of the state of the court having jurisdiction.

It was consonant with the aim of legal certainty that the court seised should be able readily to decide whether it had jurisdiction on the basis of the rules of the Convention, without having to consider the substance of the case.

Article 17 set out to designate, clearly and precisely, a court in a contracting state which was to have exclusive jurisdiction in accordance with the consensus formed between the parties.

The legal certainty which that provision sought to secure could easily be jeopardised if one party to the contract could frustrate that Convention rule simply by claiming that the whole of the contract was void, on grounds derived from the applicable substantive law.

On those grounds, the Court ruled:

1 The first paragraphs of articles 13 and 14 of the Brussels Convention as amended were to be interpreted as meaning that a plaintiff who had concluded a contract with a view to pursuing a trade or profession, not at the present time but in the future, could not be regarded as a consumer.

2 The courts of a contracting state which had been designated in a *jurisdiction clause validly concluded* under the first paragraph of article 17 of the Convention also had exclusive jurisdiction where the action sought in particular a declaration that the contract containing that clause was void.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,163.60	Allied Domecq	495½	+ 17	5.5	14.9
242.60	Belmnt (HP)	459½	+ 34½	3.9	12.8
27.60	Burn Stewart	46½	+ 1½	9.5	..
130.90	Glenmorange A	962½	- 12½	1.7	23.8
12,301.30	Grand Met	583	+ 2½	3.2	18.7
18,934.10	Guinness†	577	- 1½	3.4	15.9
378.90	Highland Distl	284	- 2½	3.7	13.3
228.30	Matthew Clark	258	- 8½	11.6	7.7
6.43	Merydew W	59	..	6.6	14.6
5,381.90	SA Breweries	1828½	+ 21½	2.1	..

BANKS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
17,253.40	ABN-AMRO	1240½	- 106½	2.7	17.2
13,477.50	Abbey Ntl	954½	+ 7	3.6	15.6
4,193.30	Alliance & Leics†	720½	- 2	2.8	16.9
4,580.80	Allied Irish	541½	- 20	3.4	15.4
7,318.50	Aus New Z	490½	- 24½	3.8	
38,743.20	Bank America	4750	- 150		
6,476.90	Bank Scotland	525½	- 4½	2.1	14.5
24,667.90	Barclays	1625	- 72½	2.6	15.4
3,887.70	Bk of Ireland	735½	- 13½	2.5	17.6
41,574.20	Citicorp	8590½	- 68½		
6,905.80	Commerzbk	1709½	+ 3½	2.8	..
19,107.10	Dai Ichi Kan Y	600	- 46½	0.7	
21,667.30	Deutsche Bk	4331½	- 168½	1.5	
500.60	Espirito Santo	1,265½	- 16½	2.9	
19,096.60	Fuji Bank Y	693	- ½	0.7	
17,931.40	HSBC	2054	- 15½	2.8	16.6
35,141.90	HSBC Hk	1954½	- 190	2.9	15.8
18,624.20	Halifax	742	+ 6½	3.5	35.0
523.20	Irish Perml	620	- 15	2.5	17.1
42,634.90	Lloyds TSB†	791	- 39	2.3	23.0
13,972.80	Ntl Aust Bk	934	- 42	4.3	12.8
15,973.70	Natl West	932½	- 65½	4.0	14.7
2,211.10	Northern Rock	438	+ 24½	2.3	18.7
5,800.70	Ryl Bk Scot	674½	- 23	3.6	14.5
8,264.90	Stand Chartt	834	- 17	2.3	14.6
16,061.10	Wells Fargo	£164½		1.9	
1,962.40	Westpac	390½	+ 5	3.8	
5,080.00	Woolwich†	317½	+ 4	3.1	18.8

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4,744.20	ASDA Group	157¼	+ ¼	2.4	16.0
262.90	Budo Bros	506½	+ 7½	2.6	17.3
83.20	Budgen	51	...	3.4	11.9
992.70	Dairy Farm Intl	55½	- 4½	6.5	78.7
108.50	Fenpak	333½	+ 1	2.8	18.8
112.30	Fitzwilton	44½	..	6.5	12.2
243.90	Fyffes	86½	- 2	2.5	10.9
333.20	Greggs†	2910	+100	2.1	19.4
183.70	Iceland Group†	106½	- ½	6.3	8.7
497.90	Kwik Save	320	- 8½	7.8	11.9
1,505.60	Morrison (W)†	200	- 2	1.1	17.5
80.80	Park Foods	50	- 2½	7.4	12.3
1.97	Regina Hlth	6½			
4,178.50	Safeway	383	+ 7	4.6	14.8
8,528.60	Sainsbury J	481½	+ 3	3.3	19.8
607.20	Somerfield	201	+ ½	6.3	7.6
10,214.90	Tesco†	467½	+ 10	2.8	16.6
187.40	Thorntons	257½	+ 20	2.9	19.6
181.00	Watson& Philip	419	- 1½	5.3	10.1

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8	Metsec	Engin'ing	
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13	KBC Adv Tech	Oil & Gas	
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27	Oriel	Insurance	
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34	Ruberoid	Bld Mats	
35	Dixons Grp	Ret Gen	
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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7.81	Jerome (S)	57		6.6	10.9
60.10	Jones Stroud†	347½		4.0	16.6
22.60	Lambert	164	+ 18	6.1	11.0
41.10	Lamont	136½	..	12.0	11.0
48.80	Leeds	132½	+ 16½	6.4	9.9
8.22	Leslie Wise Gp	23½	+ ½	12.0	18.0
6.36	Lyles (S)	76½	+ 9½	3.8	11.9
29.50	Marling	16½		1.5	82.9
5.69	PEX	4½	+ ¼		7.8
23.70	Parkland	183½		4.5	8.0
352.10	Pentland†	97	- 3½	4.6	14.6
17.10	Pillarist	78½	- 7½	5.6	6.3
80.80	Readicut	38½	+ 1	8.4	12.5
7.84	Richards	33½	+ 1	7.5	
4.85	SEET A	30½	- 1		
36.40	Sherwood Gp†	31½	- 2	14.3	31.3
7.23	Shiloh	120½		4.1	8.3
35.20	Sirdar	64½	- 1	11.3	6.8
30.70	Stirling Gp	35		8.2	9.3
4.65	UK Safety	11½			14.0
11.40	Ushers (Frank)†	153½	+ 2½	9.0	7.8
6.20	Wensum	80½		7.8	7.1
16.20	Yorklyde	145	+ 11	7.0	16.8

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
21.00	Air London	233½		3.5	14.1
4,515.50	All Nippon Air	313	- 3½	0.5	
1,157.80	Assoc Br Ports†	301	+ 14	3.4	15.4
881.80	Avis Europe†	148	- 1½	2.8	15.3
6,157.00	BAA	587½	+ 11½	2.6	18.0
8,543.50	Br Airways	631	- 31½	3.0	16.0
118.10	Central Trpn R	15	+ ½		31.1
21.40	Clarkson (H)	105½	- 2	4.8	9.7
58.90	Clydeport Opst	142½	- 2	4.4	8.3
822.40	Cowie	367	- 14½	4.3	10.6
40.80	Dart	253½	- 1	3.2	13.3
92.10	Eurodollar†	188		4.7	14.8
298.90	Eurotunnel Uts	65	- 2½		
651.90	FirstBus	208½	- 7	3.3	13.4
61.50	Fisher (James)	127½	- ½	2.9	9.1
303.00	Forth Ports†	632½	+ 17	2.7	16.0
239.60	Go-Ahead	489	- 6½	2.1	15.2
267.50	Goode Durrant	477½	+ 2½	2.6	15.7
34.80	Helphire Gp	213½	- 4	0.5	25.8
203.10	Irish Contl	790	+ 40	0.8	17.8
100.50	Jacobs	98	+ 3	2.6	43.6
68.70	Lon O'Seas Frts	94	- ½		
361.70	Mersey Docks†	426	+ 11½	3.9	14.9
1,026.50	NFC	147	- 1½	6.0	15.2
609.40	Natl Express†	550½	- 9	2.7	12.2
980.50	Ocean Group	624½	+ 4½	3.1	20.6
45.90	Ocean Wilson	115½	+ 3	4.1	13.2
4,434.10	P & O Dfd†	721	+ 45	5.3	19.5
79.30	P & O 5.5%	119	+ 1	5.8	
5,138.30	Railtrack	1019½	+105	2.7	20.1
11.80	Seacon	41½	- 1	3.7	27.7
127.50	Sercoatrl	316½	+ 7½	2.1	28.9
1,593.50	Stagecoach†	664½	- 15	1.7	19.5
271.90	Tibbet & Britnt	570	+ 6½	3.6	15.8
267.90	TDG	196	- 3	6.1	13.9
108.50	Uglandt	83		3.3	11.1
28.30	Utd Carriers†	83½	+ ½	5.2	13.0

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,249.80	Anglian	824½	+ 2	5.2	11.1
132.40	East Surrey	268½		5.0	10.9
1,341.10	Hyder	936½	- 22	5.9	8.0
234.90	Hyder Cm Prf	113½	- 2½	8.7	
108.00	Mid Kent Hldgs	620	+ 10	6.0	11.5
3,185.80	Severn Trent	935	- 11	5.2	10.4
198.10	South Staffs	3187½	+ 5	3.5	14.4
1,135.10	South West	660½	- 29	5.3	10.7
3,265.10	Thames	864½	- 19	5.0	10.1
3,957.00	Utd Utilities	735½	- 34	6.3	12.4
1,038.70	Wessex	492½	- 41½	4.6	9.4
1,770.90	Yorkshire	467½	- 21	4.9	8.9

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
8.14	Abacus Recruit	125	...	1.5	
9.60	Cale Inns	198		1.9	18.4
48.20	County Gdns	232½	- 6½	0.9	18.7
127.80	Dawson Hldgs	225		2.7	21.7
177.20	Freepages	38	+ ½		
51.40	Megalomedia	89½	+ ½	0.3	41.5
24.10	Memory Corp	94½	+ 1		
73.90	Prism Rail	292	- 1½		
258.70	Ramco Egy	850	- 187½	0.1	
184.70	Southern Newsp	760	+ 8½	3.3	
13.80	Southmo Vectis	65½	+ 2	3.8	14.5
94.30	Trocadero†	18½			

Source: FT Information

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Growth pays off for acquisitive Smiths

COMPANIES

SMITHS INDUSTRIES: The new management team will be anxious to stamp its mark on things and the proposed acquisition of Graseby for £136 million indicates in which direction the group will be moving.

NatWest Securities, the broker, says it is already clear that the Graseby deal signals that the group intends to expand its medical operations outside of North America and that the mainstream engineering business will continue to be developed.

Full-year figures, on Wednesday, should show pre-tax profits growing from £170.4 million to £190 million, with earnings a share up 15 per cent from 37p to 42.4p. Sales growth, of about 11 per cent at £1.1 million, will have been improved by contributions from recent acquisitions.

The aerospace division saw a useful improvement in margins from 10 per cent to 12.4 per cent at the interim stage, helped by increased volume that generated operational gearing benefits.

This trend is expected to have continued in the second half, along with an improvement in the aerospace cycle. NatWest anticipates that margins will top 15 per cent. By contrast, medical margins are likely to be down around half a point to 22 per cent.

The move to increase ownership of its Japanese distribution subsidiary to 100 per cent will have consolidated some £25 million of sales that were generating margins of only 11 per cent. If this anomaly is stripped out, margins would have held up at the 24 per cent level.

The payout is likely to grow from 16.2p to 18p.

HIGHLAND DISTILLERIES: Full-year figures tomorrow should reveal a useful performance, supported by a full first-time contribution from Macallan of almost £9 million.

This equates to about a quarter of overall operating profits. Sales of Macallan are growing strongly in the US and that should go some way towards offsetting the continuing decline in Italy.

Overall, the scotch market remains difficult, although The Famous Grouse is expected to have achieved a 4 per cent increase and now accounts for more than half of the overall operating profits.

Meanwhile, the group has begun increasing its range of brands and should be one of the first companies to benefit from the proposed merger of Guinness and Grand Metropolitan when it takes on the distribution of Dunhill Scotch.

These figures should also help to dispel some of the uncertainty surrounding the shares in recent months.

Remy Cointreau, the group's French partner, has had its fair share of problems and may be in need of a capital injection. Highland may be called upon to provide some of that capital. The dividend is expected to grow 7 per cent to almost 9p.

PREMIER FARNELL: Half-year figures from Premier Farnell are due out later today, but brokers have already begun downgrading their profit forecasts for the full year, worried by the impact of currency transactions.

NatWest has admitted to lopping £7 million from its final forecast to £160 million, but is still looking for an increase from £63.8 million to £74 million this time round. Despite this, earnings will have shown a decline of about 15 per cent, from 16p to 13.6p a share. The situation should recover in the second half, which is benefiting from a stronger dollar.

The group's markets remain sluggish, with component demand in Britain hit by the strong pound, badly affecting exporters. The translation of European earnings are also affected by a strong currency.

CPC and MCM, in the appliances spares division, have been benefiting from the introduction of new products and franchises in the latest catalogue.

Revenues in industrial production should have grown by 5 per cent in dollar terms during the first six months, while product manufacturing will have produced revenue growth of 6 per cent.

The half-year payout to shareholders should be 10 per cent ahead at 5.7p.

DFS FURNITURE: Last week saw the competitive pressures of the home furnishing retail market take a new twist with the agreed bid by H&C Furnishings for the Kingsbury Group.

On Thursday, DFS Furniture, the fast-growing Doncaster group headed by Sir Graham Kirkham, chairman, unveils what should be another impressive set of full-year figures.

Brokers are looking for pretax profits of between £37 million and £40 million, compared with £31.1 million last time, with earnings growing by around 22 per cent to 24.1p.

Interim figures in May lived up to market expectations, although the modest increase of 3.3 per cent in like-for-like sales proved disappointing.

To a certain extent this has been offset by the success of the group's new store opening programme in the London area, which has provided a strong boost to sales.

This store opening programme will continue apace in the current year. In the meantime, brokers will no doubt try to guage just how much DFS has benefited from this year's building society windfalls.

Shareholders are likely to be rewarded with a 25 per cent increase in the net dividend to 12½p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Windfalls have boosted earnings for Sir Graham Kirkham at DFS Furniture

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

THE comments by Alan Greenspan last week have made financial markets highly sensitive to stronger than expected data, and anything other than very good news will be liable to prompt stock market falls.

In the US, retail sales data published on Wednesday should show a slowdown in growth for September. MMS International, the economic consultant, forecasts retail sales will fall 0.1 per cent compared with 0.4 per cent growth in August. But monthly consumer price inflation data on Thursday is expected to tick up from 0.2 per cent to 0.3 per cent.

In the UK, there should be signs of a growth slowdown, but most economists expect it will be insufficient to stop rates rising next month.

September producer prices, published Monday, will show an annual fall of 8.1 per cent in raw material prices. The rapid fall in unemployment will also slow, MMS predicts to about 40,000 in September.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy:** BOC, Sinclair Montrose, Hamleys. **Hold:** Britton Group, Smiths Industries, **Avoid:** Tie Rack. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy:** Simon Group, Watts Blake Bearne, Grampian Holdings. **Hold:** Britton Group. *The Observer*: **Buy:** Parity.

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Bisichi Mining, London & Associated Properties, Premier Farnell. ***Finals:*** Tay Homes. **Economic statistics:** UK producer price index (Sept).

TOMORROW

Interims: Henry Boot & Sons, China Investment & Development Fund, Hamleys, S Jerome & Sons, Nationsbank Group (q3), Olives Property, Warnford Investments, Wilmington Group. **Finals:** Five Oaks Investment, Highland Distillers, London & St Lawrence Investment Company, St Ives. **Economic statistics:** UK retail sales survey (Sept).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Blockleys, Ferguson International, Hoare Govett 1000, Hoare Govett Smaller, Tie Rack. **Finals:** Smiths Industries, MJ Gleeson Group. ***Economic statistics:*** UK average earnings and unit wage costs (August), unemployment (Sept), BoE monetary policy committee meeting minutes, World Economic Forum, Hong Kong.

THURSDAY

Interims: Aberforth Split Level, Davenport Knitwear. **Finals:** Albert Fisher, DFS Furniture, MJ Gleeson Group, Manganese Bronze. **Economic statistics:** UK PSBR (Sept).

FRIDAY

Interims: Audax Properties, Value & Income Trust. **Finals:** None scheduled.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6205 (+0.0088)
German mark
2.8365 (-0.0041)
Exchange index
100.1 (Same)
Bank of England official close

STOCKMARKET

FT 30 share
3366.7 (-40.6)
FTSE 100
5227.3 (-103.5)
New York Dow Jones
8045.21 (+6.63)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
Closed

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.13	Malta	0.685	0.606
Austria Sch	20.98	19.33	Netherlds Gld	3.383	3.098
Belgium Fr	61.79	56.83	New Zealand $	2.67	2.43
Canada $	2.362	2.174	Norway Kr	12.01	11.07
Cyprus Cyp£	0.885	0.814	Portugal Esc	301.03	279.00
Denmark Kr	11.41	10.52	S Africa Rd	8.29	7.33
Finland Mkk	9.06	8.31	Spain Pta	250.79	232.00
France Fr	10.01	9.23	Sweden Kr	13.10	12.00
Germany Dm	3.01	2.76	Switzerland Fr	2.52	2.30
Greece Dr	475	436	Turkey Lira	294210	274332
Hong Kong $	13.37	12.17	USA $	1.728	1.585
Iceland	128	108			
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.08			
Israel Shk	5.97	5.32			
Italy Lira	2975	2738			
Japan Yen	209.53	192.00			

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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
890	Exch 15% 1997	100[illegible]	- [illegible]	14.96	6.65
800	Treas 4⅝% 1998	115[illegible]	- [illegible]	4.00	6.75
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	100[illegible]	- [illegible]	9.69	7.07
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	100[illegible]	- [illegible]	7.24	7.09
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	104	- [illegible]	13.46	7.04
935	Treas 15½% 1998	107[illegible]	- [illegible]	14.49	7.10
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	105	- [illegible]	11.43	7.15
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	102[illegible]	- [illegible]	9.25	7.15
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	106[illegible]	- [illegible]	11.45	7.15
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	106[illegible]	- [illegible]	10.08	7.10
6,950	Treas 6% 1999	98[illegible]	- [illegible]	6.10	7.01
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	106[illegible]	- [illegible]	9.66	7.10
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	104[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.64	7.06
9,800	Treas 8% 2000	103	- [illegible]	7.77	6.92
109	Treas 8½% 2000	102[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.25	7.16
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	114[illegible]	- [illegible]	11.34	7.02
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	108[illegible]	-1[illegible]	9.18	6.95
12,750	Treas 7% 2001	100[illegible]	-1[illegible]	6.95	6.92
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
9,000	Treas 7% 2002	101[illegible]	-1[illegible]	6.91	6.69
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	112[illegible]	-1[illegible]	8.69	6.78
8,600	Treas 8% 2003	106[illegible]	-1[illegible]	7.53	6.66
2,580	Treas 10% 2003	115[illegible]	-1[illegible]	8.64	6.71
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113[illegible]	-1[illegible]	10.11	6.94
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	89[illegible]	-1[illegible]	3.93	5.45
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	116	-2[illegible]	8.19	6.60
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	100[illegible]	-1[illegible]	6.69	6.57
10,373	Treas 8½% 2005	111[illegible]	-2[illegible]	7.59	6.58
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	116[illegible]	-2[illegible]	8.14	6.59
2,300	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128[illegible]	-2[illegible]	9.72	6.70
11,700	Treas 7½% 2006	106[illegible]	-2[illegible]	7.04	6.54
4,808	Treas 7¾% 2006	107[illegible]	-2[illegible]	7.19	6.58
2,059	Treas 8% 2002-06	104[illegible]	-1[illegible]	7.64	6.66
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121[illegible]	-1[illegible]	9.65	6.75
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	113[illegible]	-2[illegible]	7.48	6.58
7,008	Treas 7¼% 2007	105[illegible]	-2[illegible]	6.87	6.50
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	119 †	-2[illegible]	7.56	6.55
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	111[illegible]	-2[illegible]	7.15	6.55
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	97[illegible]	-2[illegible]	6.43	6.56
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	121[illegible]	-2[illegible]	7.39	6.57
5,388	Treas 9% 2012	122[illegible] †	-2[illegible]	7.38	6.57
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	91[illegible]	-2[illegible]	6.01	6.42
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	110[illegible]	-2[illegible]	7.01	6.62
LONGS (over 15 years)					
6,100	Treas 8% 2013	114[illegible]	-2[illegible]	7.01	6.56
13,787	Treas 8% 2015	115[illegible]	-2[illegible]	6.91	6.50
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	123[illegible]	-3	7.06	6.56
18,500	Tr 8% 2021	118[illegible]	-3[illegible]	6.77	6.49
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	53[illegible]	-1[illegible]	6.58	...
475	Treas 2½%	37	- [illegible]	6.76	
359	Consols 4%	58[illegible]	+ [illegible]	6.80	..
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:				10%	5%
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2001	192[illegible]	- [illegible]	2.45	3.21
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2003	189[illegible]	- [illegible]	2.67	3.21
1,150	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	122[illegible]	- [illegible]	2.73	3.19
2,950	Treas IL 2% 2006	201[illegible]	-1[illegible]	2.86	3.22
2,625	Treas IL 2½% 2009	182[illegible]	-1[illegible]	2.91	3.19
3,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	191	-1[illegible]	2.96	3.20
3,750	Treas IL 2½% 2013	158[illegible]	-1	2.98	3.21
3,825	Treas IL 2½% 2016	170[illegible]	-1[illegible]	3.02	3.22
3,700	Treas IL 2½% 2020	164[illegible]	-1[illegible]	3.08	3.24
3,850	Treas IL 2½% 2024	137[illegible]	-1	3.09	3.24
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	134[illegible]	-1[illegible]	3.08	3.23

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EARNINGS ANNOUNCEMENT

Audited results for the year to 30th June 1997

(all funds expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars except for the common share data)

	1996/97 (C$000)	1995/96 (C$000)
Sales	C$ 167,061	C$ 180,645
Earnings from Operations	5,756	6,648
Less: Minority Interest	39	286
	5,717	6,362
Investment Income	6,473	8,100
Gain on Sale of Marketable Securities	5,228	7,857
Share in net earnings of company subject to significant influence	21,493	14,402
Gain on sale of company subject to significant influence	–	1,735
Foreign Currency Gains	972	210
Earnings Before Taxation	39,883	38,666
Taxation	3,394	3,134
Net Earnings	C$ 36,489	C$ 35,532
Earnings per Common Share	C$ 2.08	C$ 2.02

The Directors today have declared a regular dividend on the 17,678,125 Common Shares N.P.V. payable to Shareholders registered at the close of business on 14th November 1997 at the rate of 75 cents (Candian) per share. The comparative figure for 1996 was 70 cents per share. The payment date for this dividend is 5th December 1997.

The Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th June 1997 together with the Notice of the Thirty Sixth Annual Meeting will be mailed to Shareholders on the 24th October 1997 with the usual press announcement appearing the same day. The Thirty Sixth Annual Meeting will be held on 2nd December 1997. Full details will be circulated with the Notice of the Meeting.

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CORPORATE PROFILE: ASDA

Allan Leighton, left, chief executive, and Archie Norman, centre, the chairman, are as at home on the shop floor as in the boardroom of Asda. Employees have adapted to such ideas as 24-hour opening at Christmas, and Asda campaigned in its supermarkets against resale price maintenance

THE FACTS

Turnover (1997): £6.95 billion
Pre-tax profit: £405.2 million
Employees: 75,000
Brands: Asda, George.

THE BOARD

Archie Norman, chairman. Appointed chief executive in December 1991 at the group's lowest point. Previously finance director at Kingfisher and before that a partner at McKinsey & Co. Now Conservative MP for Tunbridge Wells and vice-chairman of the party charged with helping reform its structure.

Allan Leighton, chief executive: Was Archie Norman's deputy. Before that retail director and marketing director. Took the CE job in September, 1996. Previously worked for 18 years at the Mars Corporation.

Tony Campbell, trading director: With Asda since 1985.

Phil Cox, finance director: Appointed January 1992. Formerly group chief executive of Burns Anderson and finance director of Horne Brothers.

Ian Gibson, joint deputy chairman: Appointed 1993. Managing director of Nissan UK and vice-president of Nissan Europe.

Frank Knight, joint deputy chairman. Appointed 1991. Chairman of Field Group and of More O'Ferrall. Deputy chairman of Berisford.

Non-executive directors: **Susan Ellen.** Appointed September, 1992. Managing director of United Racecourses Holdings and former managing director of BUPA health services.

Francis Maude. Appointed July, 1992. A Conservative Party luminary, like Archie Norman, and former Financial Secretary to the Treasury. A managing director at Morgan Stanley.

Richard North is also linked to Norman. The finance director of Bass was formerly employed by Coopers & Lybrand, auditors to Kingfisher, Norman's old employers.

Ian Robinson. Appointed June, 1997. Chief executive of Scottish Power.

Dr Martin Read. Appointed March, 1996. Managing director, Logica.

The key fact to remember about Asda is that it almost went bust at the beginning of the Nineties. That crisis has shaped all subsequent events at the group. New managers, headed by Archie Norman, were given the opportunity to turn the company around and did so with such gusto that the Asda we see today is almost unrecognisable from the company they joined six years ago.

How the company will look in another few years will largely depend on Allan Leighton, Norman's former deputy, who took over as chief executive at the start of this year.

The distinctive corporate culture established by the new regime is firmly in place. But Asda's strategy for growth has been called into question by its failed effort to buy the Welcome Break service station business and its fruitless merger talks with Safeway.

When Norman joined the group it immediately became apparent that one of his strengths is harnessing other people's ideas. A lot of the changes in culture at Asda, which had been run on traditional corporate lines, were brought in by Leighton from his 18 years at Mars Corporation. Asda's open-plan offices, use of Christian names, and absence of a directors' dining room are all Mars practices.

Among the changes brought in and still going strong are the practice of referring to staff as "colleagues" and the "Tell Archie" scheme. Staff are encouraged to write to Norman with ideas, all of which he examines and, if he likes, get put into practice.

If it all sounds wonderfully touchy-feely, that would not be quite accurate. "Colleagues" in the Asda House headquarters work very long hours: there are, after all, only half as many of them to run the business as in pre-Norman days. In the stores "colleagues" are constantly assessed to make sure they are keeping the checkouts ticking over at the required speed.

Integrity Works rates Asda's ethical expression as 7/10 because, while it has adopted many US best-practice ideas on customer and employee relations, it has not made a concise statement of business principles, the centrepiece of many successful US corporations. The company scores 10/10 on the "fat cat" count. Even though Norman has been rewarded with salary and option payments, Crisp Consulting reckons he is worth it for "an outstanding company performance".

Norman has certainly worked himself and others hard to get that performance. He encourages suggestions and criticism from others, but also spends time going round the stores photographing things he does not like, from rubbish piled in corridors to ugly packaging. These photos are pinned on a board in Asda House with his handwritten, acerbic comments stuck on them along with the name of whoever is expected to put the problem right.

Last week Norman was in Blackpool, delivering executive insights to his latest corporate responsibility, the Conservative Party. The handover at Asda at the beginning of this year from Norman, now an MP and vice-chairman of the Conservative Party as well as non-executive chairman of Asda, was apparently handled smoothly within the company. Some in the City, on the other hand, were put out that after months of being assured he was staying "one sunny morning when no one was looking, he was out".

Norman was and is viewed as absolutely central to Asda's turnaround, which is why the question of succession was particularly delicate. Founded in Yorkshire in 1965, Asda had flourished for two decades as an innovative operator of large-scale, edge-of-town superstores. Its troubles began after it splashed out on MFI, the furniture retailer, Allied Carpets, and a large number of stores from Gateway (now Somerfield). The company had gone from having £1 billion of cash to more than £1 billion of debt in four years, and shareholder patience snapped.

Institutional investors ousted the old board and put in Patrick Gillam as chairman. His key appointments were Norman, then finance director of Kingfisher, as chief executive, and Leighton, then with Mars, as marketing director. Norman pushed through a rescue rights issue.

What happened subsequently has been either a victory for imaginative management or a triumph of hype, depending on your point of view. Whichever, the shareholders have seen the benefit: the shares have multiplied eight times in the past five years, from their level of just above 20p, as the company has gone from a £365 million pretax loss in 1991-92 to a £354 million profit last year.

But cynicism is growing among some analysts. The spin that Asda put on the failed deal with Safeway — the suggestions that Asda would have been top dog, that Safeway did not quite measure up, and that Asda was never as keen on the deal — has alienated analysts. "They seem to get carried away with the corporate culture and are beginning to believe their own propaganda," said one.

On the surface, not a lot has changed since Leighton's elevation. Norman still works at Asda one or two days a week, and he has strengthened the already impressive board with some new appointments. The company is still building on its reputation for value and good service and expanding its chain of large out-of-town superstores. After helping to end the Net Book Agreement, it is still presenting itself as the consumers' champion while resisting the financial services track trodden by its main rivals. It says it wants to "keep it simple" but questions keep rising to the surface about what it will do now that it is out of recovery.

The questions grew after the company made a surprise £400 million bid earlier this year for Welcome Break, the motorway service areas auctioned off by Granada. The bid got nowhere, but Leighton still feels it could have worked out well: "We would have transformed the whole market. I won't be defensive about it but I can see that perhaps we did not communicate our reasoning well," he reflects.

Despite the subsequent revelation that the company has also spent months discussing a merger with Safeway, he insists that Asda is not now on the lookout for a partner: "We are only at 50 or 60 per cent of our potential within the existing business." An acquisition remains a possibility, but it will be opportunistic rather than planned, he said.

It is because planning laws are restricting store openings that worries have grown about Asda's future. Leighton's answer is simple: "We have to drive the like-for-like sales," he says. This means constantly improving the stores and adding more high-margin foods, as well as giving more space for the George range of clothes.

In the long term, it is hard to see the restless Leighton resisting the temptation to do something else with Asda now that he is in charge. The key to success will be making sure that, whatever else it does, it keeps on working to maintain the hard-earned goodwill now enjoyed by its superstores.

WHAT THE CITY SAYS

"They have got a quirky staff culture that seems to work really well. They have tuned themselves into the UK consumer and have marketed themselves well, and they seem to have loyal customers without a loyalty card." *Jonathan Pritchard, UBS*

"It has been a textbook recovery, but I think the hardest decisions are now being taken by Allan. Do they continue to plug away at the core business or make an acquisition? The company is definitely at a crossroads. It has great ideas but it needs scale and reach." *Mike Dennis, SGST*

"Asda has an ambitious management team who have a broad vision for the future that may encompass things other than food retailing. The Safeway deal would have given them a secure domestic footing. It could have been a springboard for its international ambitions." *Paul Smiddy, Credit Lyonnais Laing*

THE TIMES VERDICT

Ethical expression[1]	7/10
Fat-cat quotient[2]	10/10
Financial record	8/10
Share performance	8/10
Attitude to staff	7/10
Strength of brand	7/10
Innovation	7/10
Annual report	6/10
City star rating	8/10
Future prospects	6/10
Total	74/100

Sources: [1]Integrity Works [2]Crisp Consulting

Welsh net big deals from Korean incomer

FOUR Welsh companies have won the first big contracts to supply the giant South Korean LG electronics plant in South Wales, bringing orders worth £4.6 million in the first year alone.

The largest contract, worth £2 million a year, has gone to McKechnie Plastic Components, of Llantrisant, to supply plastic injection mouldings for computer monitors.

LG is building a twin-factory complex at Newport, creating 6,100 jobs in a £1.7 billion project.

Moulded Foams (Wales) of Tonypandy has won a contract to supply £1.5 million worth of expanded polystyrene packaging and Rexam Corrugated South West, of Newport, is to supply £1 million worth of cardboard boxes. Mid Wales Litho, of Pontypool, is to print manuals for computers and TV sets.

Utilities regime failing the poor, says watchdog

THE POOR are deprived of a voice against discriminatory pricing in essential services because utilities operate in a public policy vacuum, according to the National Consumer Council (Christine Buckley writes).

The NCC says the Government should take responsibility for issues of poverty and environmental protection. It has told the Government's review of utility regulation: "While the poor are often hardest hit by certain policies — such as higher charges for those unable to pay by direct debit — no formal policy framework exists for dealing with such inequalities."

☐ Gas competition is failing many businesses and wasting taxpayers' money on futile tendering exercises by public-sector purchasers, says the Utility Buyers' Forum. It says administrative costs may outweigh available savings.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

SOGDIAN
(b) Of or belonging to Sogdiana, an ancient Persian province corresponding to the modern Samarkand and Bokhara in Uzbekistan. From the Old Persian Suguda, later Sugud. "Heavy drinking is the corollary of survival for a traveller in a Sogdian summer."

WAPPIE
(a) A gambling game played with cards, originating in the West Indies. Perhaps from wap to hit or copulate. "Ah play cards — Ah was a rummy test in me days, and don't talk 'bout wappee! Youh cud play cards?"

ZIGEUNER
(c) A gypsy. The German cognate with zingano, zingaro. Johann Strauss composed an operetta Der Zigeunerbaron in 1885. "Bartók's passion for the true Hungary and its folk-music as opposed to the Zigeunerbaron travesties."

SEHNSUCHT
(c) Yearning or wistful longing. The German word. "The stickiest romance of all attends, of course, upon gondolas by moonlight, and Gloria felt she must by no means counter or abridge this small enclave of adolescent Sehnsucht in her almost undeviatingly rational friend."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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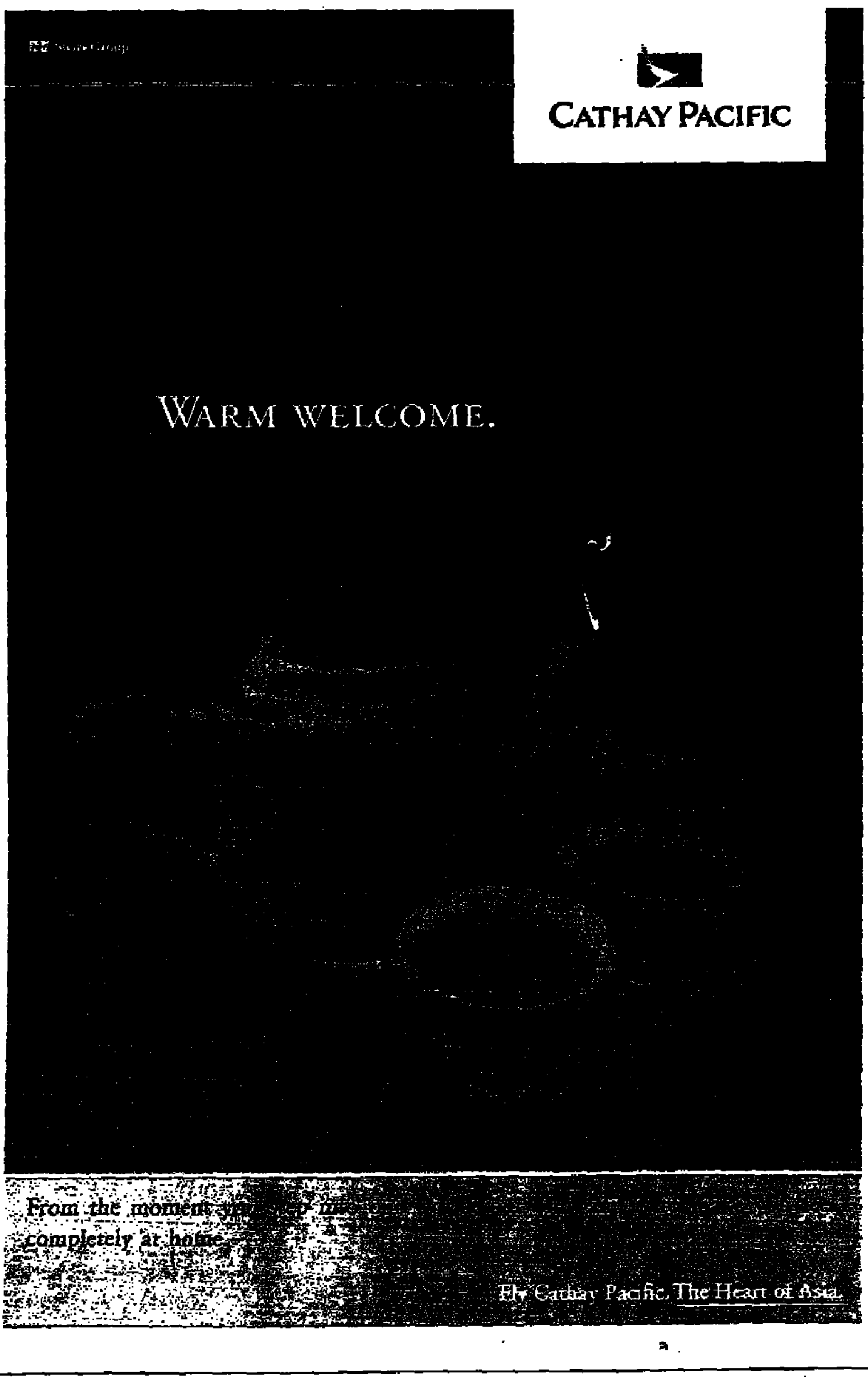
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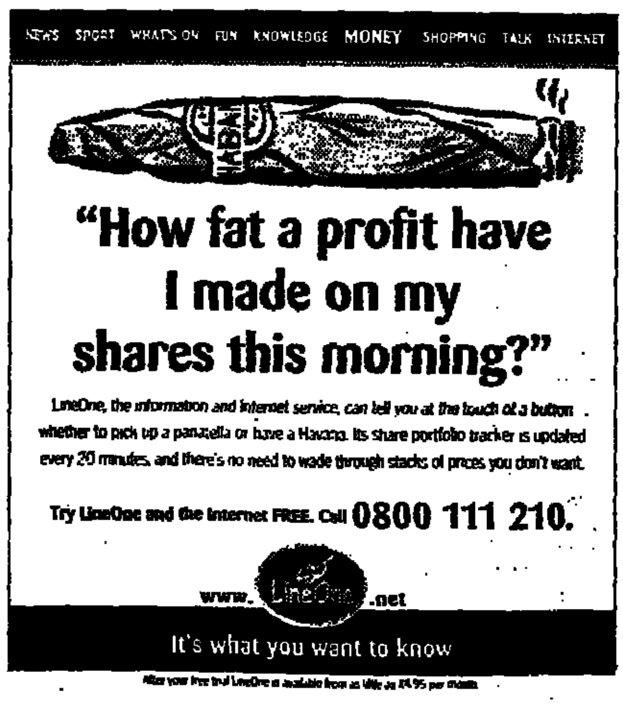
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CHANGING TIMES

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Ramsden's serves up new format

BY DOMINIC WALSH

HARRY RAMSDEN'S, the famous Yorkshire fish and chip restaurant that has expanded into an international chain, is to pilot a scaled-down takeaway format for development on retail and leisure parks.

The concept will first be tested at sites in Belfast and Paisley. John Barnes, chairman, said: "We're very excited about this. If we see we're getting the numbers, we can see ourselves doing about 100 of these around the country."

Mr Barnes said the units would be based on the original hut Harry Ramsden operated from before he moved to the current premises in Guiseley, West Yorkshire, in 1931. The hut takeaway format, which will also have a 60-cover seating area, will be about 2,000 sq ft compared with 8,500 sq ft for a full-fledged Harry Ramsden's restaurant. Mr Barnes estimated development costs at about £350,000, a third of the normal cost.

All but three of the 23 Ramsden's restaurants in the UK are operated by franchisees, and Mr Barnes predicted that the vast majority of hut units would be franchises. The Paisley and Belfast outlets, scheduled to open in the next couple of months, will both be operated by existing franchisees.

Cable firms call for more flexibility on channels

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

THE cable industry has told the Independent Television Commission that between one million and two million new subscribers could be attracted to cable in the UK if it were possible to sell channels to the public in a more flexible way.

The claim is made in evidence from the Cable Communications Association to the ITC, which is investigating the way channel owners insist that channels are "bundled" together and offered to the vast majority of cable subscribers.

British Sky Broadcasting, the satellite venture in which News International, owner of *The Times*, has a 40 per cent stake, insists that bundles of channels are taken by at least 80 per cent of cable subscribers. Other channel owners impose even higher percentages, some up to 100 per cent.

The Cable Communications Association says that experiments show that when more flexible packages of channels, or smaller basic packages, are offered, consumer demand for pay-TV has risen by between 50 per cent and 100 per cent. "Were this to be replicated nationally, a further one million to two million homes could be brought into pay-TV," it says. "The evidence is simply too compelling to ignore."

CCA members want to see percentage carriage requirements banned on existing and future contracts. They also want an end to imposition by wholesalers of "retail bundling". This, they say, should end the practice whereby viewers often have to buy basic channels before they can have premium channels.

The CCA says that if people have to pay for services they do not want, the attraction of 200-channel digital television "will pale beside the disadvantages of high cost of access". The association argues that, at present, big media companies that are wholesalers can tell cable operators how to sell to their own customers, and says this is "unheard of in any other economic sector".

The cable companies say they are willing to help to devise arrangements for the duration of existing contracts that would protect revenues of channel providers.

The cable groups believe, however, that only regulatory action can deal with the problem because, at present, it is not in the interest of any single channel provider to give up the advantage of automatic distribution to a high proportion of the cable universe.

There is a risk, however, that if cable operators had full freedom to choose, some channels might collapse.

The ITC will probably seek a compromise increasing flexibility for cable operators without undermining the choice cable television can offer.

Wall Street '25% overvalued'

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

WALL STREET is currently overvalued by about 25 per cent, while London stocks are around 10 per cent too expensive, the London-based Centre for Economics and Business Research Ltd says.

Douglas McWilliams, chief executive of CEBR, said a major downward adjustment in US equity prices was highly likely and was a key potential source of instability for what was otherwise a positive outlook for the world economy. He said that to justify current share price values, the level of corporate profits in America would have to be growing on a trend that would take their share of gross domestic product to above 50 per cent by 2020.

However, the highest trend profits achieved in America over the past century have been 35 per cent, recorded between 1899 and 1919.

CEBR's most optimistic assumption is that the share of corporate profits in US GDP will rise from its current 33 per cent to 41 per cent by 2020. Mr McWilliams said a major correction on Wall Street could be triggered by a loss of market confidence or by emerging evidence that US corporate earnings growth was slowing.

Last week, Alan Greenspan, the US Federal Reserve Chairman, said stock market values could not go on rising at the pace seen over the past few years.

While London is bound to be affected by a sharp correction on Wall Street, CEBR believes that the UK stock market is still less exposed.

Ready for a punt: Steve Howard, back, and Nigel Ward, client relationship managers at Coutts, the international private bank, which is opening a branch office in Oxford today to coincide with the start of the new university term

Guinness merger poised for approval

The European Commission will this week grant a conditional clearance to the £24 billion merger between Guinness and Grand Metropolitan. This follows a meeting on Friday of officials representing the 20 EU commissioners.

The merger is on the agenda at Wednesday's meeting of the Commission, and observers expect a conditional approval, possibly requiring the sale of one or more leading brands by the parties and a weakening of their control of their distribution networks in some European countries.

Friday's meeting showed considerable support for the merger. The merged business, to be called GMG Brands, would create the world's biggest drinks producer.

Growth hopes

Businesses outside the booming retail sector believe inflation in their sectors is running at just 1 per cent, well below the official figure for retail price inflation of 3.6 per cent, according to a survey by the Chartered Institute of Marketing. Steve Cuthbert, the institute's director-general, said that low inflation in the non-retail part of the economy, which resulted from the strength of the pound, should mean sustainable growth in the medium term. Retailers expect average price rises of 3 per cent this year.

Airline issue

Shares in Bonn's remaining stake in Lufthansa, the state airline, will be issued at 33.30 marks (£11.60) when Germany's biggest public offering in 1997 kicks off on Monday.

Iran buys jets

Iran has announced the purchase of two Airbus jets from France. The aircraft were bought by the state-run Asseman airline and will be delivered next year.

Shell talks

Royal Dutch/Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil group, said yesterday that it was in talks with Turkey and Turkmenistan about building a gas pipeline between the two countries.

Popular float

More than three million private investors have applied to buy shares in the partial privatisation of France Telecom, Michel Bon, its chairman, said.

CBI alarmed at proposed powers for watchdog

BY ADAM JONES

PROPOSALS that could lead to "bully" companies being fined hundreds of millions of pounds have been attacked by the CBI.

Under draft legislation that is poised to go before the House of Lords, companies who abuse a dominant market position or sign anti-competitive agreements may be fined up to 10 per cent of their UK turnover by John Bridgeman, the Director-General of Fair Trading.

Investigators will also be given the power to break into the offices of suspected companies and prosecute staff if they obstruct the raid or deliberately supply misleading information.

The CBI claimed the measures, contained in the draft Competition Bill published in August, give the Government's monopoly-busters too much power.

Although it backs the aim of bringing outdated UK competition law into line with the rest of Europe, the CBI said there is a danger of companies being overburdened with paperwork — as well as contradictory decisions from Brussels and London — unless some of the definitions in the draft legislation are tightened.

Rufus Ogilvie Smals, chairman of the CBI's competition panel, said the powers that would be given to Office of Fair Trading investigators were alarming: "We have no idea what qualifications they will have to conduct this sort of investigation."

He said the CBI is looking for a cash limit on fines, possibly around the million-pound mark. He also attacked provisions mimicking Article 86 of the Treaty of Rome, which deals with abuses of dominant market position, saying the European legislation had failed.

The DTI said it was already considering some of the detailed points made by the CBI, including its call for "vertical" agreements between producers and distributors to be exempt. It said the CBI had previously issued a statement giving broad support to the use of Article 86 in the legislation.

John Bridgeman is expected to receive greater powers

1997 High	Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/−	Yld %	P/E
139½	100½	13.90	AFA Systems	115½	...	...	...
153½	131½	19.50	AMCO Corp	136½	...	8.0	7.0
422½	170	44.30	AND Intl Pub	202½	− 5	...	...
127½	84½	8.14	Abacus Recruit	125	...	1.5	...
195	99½	28.60	Access Plus	180	− 7½	4.1	18.1
89¼	5¾	4.53	Active Imaging	11	...	...	...
230	200	30.30	A de Gruchy	205	...	4.5	10.4
11¼	7¼	8.49	African Gold	8¼	...	...	33.3
117½	72½	46.20	Airtech	101½	+ 14	...	...
44½	31¼	14.20	Albemarle & Bd	37½	− 1½	1.7	14.2
52½	29	5.45	Allzyme	31½	...	...	...
111½	73½	2.43	Anglo-Welsh	78¼	+ 1	...	...
610	455	58.60	Ann St Brewery	610	...	4.2	12.9
1240	1015	7.35	Ann St Gv Pf	1240	...	6.5	...
129½	65½	68.90	Antonov	90	+ 10	...	...
148½	99½	21.10	Aortech	122½	...	...	...
105	100	5.15	Aran Resources	100	− 2	5.2	...
100½	90	9.18	Archer Dedicated	90	...	2.2	42.8
36½	7	6.40	Arion Props	27	...	...	...
115	30	34.60	[illegible]	40	...	...	...
262½	130	46.80	Ask Central	225	...	0.3	34.8
69½	64½	1.22	Athelney Trust	67½	...	1.9	58.4
103½	68½	52.40	Avalon Oil	69	...	...	...
144½	130½	41.20	BAIM Adv Comms	132½	+ 1	2.3	...
240	14½	16.50	BKG Res	41½	...	...	...
3¾	3½	2.57	Bakery Services	3½	...	...	19.1
59½	25	7.24	Barbican Health	37½	+ 2½	...	...
12½	6½	32.80	[illegible]	12¼	...	...	...
3¾	1¾	3.30	Beechcroft	1¾	− ¼	...	6.7
4½	2½	6.77	Beaufort	3½	...	2.4	19.4
45½	36½	6.81	Bickerton	44½	+ 4½	...	18.3
90	60	1.34	Billam	84	+ 1½	7.9	25.7
76½	45½	4.05	[illegible]	45½	− 1	4.1	23.5
2½	1	5.77	Birchin Intl	1½	...	...	...
1¼	0¾	0.07	Birchin Wts	0¾	...	...	...
64	33½	23.20	Birmingham City	48½	...	...	...
80½	70½	7.55	Blakes Cloth	75½	...	2.4	8.2
225	145	1.57	Bowness Leis	225	+ 20	2.8	8.4
62½	39½	8.92	Brancote Hdgs	48½	− 2	...	...
95	85	3.84	Br Bloodstock	91½	...	2.7	11.1
17½	16½	0.74	Buckland Inv	17½	...	...	...
12	8	0.08	Buckland Inv Wts	10	...	...	...
200	144½	20.60	CA Coutts Hldgs	194	+ 1½	2.0	15.5
180	128½	10.80	C & B Publishing	150	...	...	18.8
109½	109½	0.12	CCI Foundr Shs	109½	...	...	...
190½	140½	1.34	CCI Hldgs	157½	...	1.9	8.5

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Gloom about pensions too easily overdone

ROGER BOOTLE

Few subjects excite a headier mixture of concern and bafflement than the interaction between pensions and inflation. When I suggested in this column two weeks ago that annuity rates might fall further, I had not imagined that I would whip up a wave of anxiety among the swollen ranks of the soon-to-retire. It is not often that an economist, of all people, inveighs against excessive gloom, but in this case I do.

On the face of it, the matter looks straightforward. If you are in a defined contribution pension scheme then when you retire, the value of your accumulated pension fund is used to buy an annuity, or annual income, which usually remains fixed until you die.

The size of your annual income depends upon both the size of your fund and the level of annuity rates, which are closely linked to the current market rates on long-term gilts. So when gilt rates fall and take annuity rates down with them you will be worse off.

But the rub, as in all matters of long-term financial arrangements, is that a pound in one period is not the same as a pound in another. This is precisely what drives gilts. The fall in yields this year reflects the market's view that future inflation is likely to be lower than it previously thought. Accordingly, a given sum in so many years' time will be worth more in real terms. Putting it the other way round, a smaller money amount can provide the same income in real terms. So annuity rates can be lower and still leave the pensioner no worse off.

In that case, why the panic about lower prospective pensions? There is one potentially good reason. Not all falls in gilt yields reflect lower expected inflation. If the real yield on gilts falls, then the real value of an annuity will also fall. But if real rates fall, this should support the equity market, thereby increasing the value of the capital sums that are used to purchase annuities.

This is precisely what has happened over the past year as the equity market has soared. It is a bit much to revel in the boost to the value of the fund which lower real rates confer, but simultaneously to complain about lower annuity rates. Swings and roundabouts come to mind.

Yet this is already too complicated. If you speak of real values, most people's eyes glass over. You cannot eat real values, they often say to me. That is the great irony, of course. You can only eat real values. With perpetual inflation, a fixed sum of money will eventually buy you nothing.

There is some reason for anxiety, though. Even if lower inflation means that the real value of a pension is the same over a pensioner's lifetime, lower annuity rates imply that it will start lower. For the lower rate of inflation will not yet have had time to offset the reduced money value of the annuity. The benefit will only come through later.

So the effect of lower annuity rates, combined with lower inflation, is to redistribute real income across a pensioner's lifetime — reducing it at the beginning, and increasing it at the end.

People tend not to like this, partly because they are financially myopic, and partly because they see the erosion of real values as an unfortunate and almost accidental occurrence. Wouldn't it be nice, they think, if they could have 12 per cent annuity rates and zero inflation. But they couldn't, or not for long anyway, because once the markets are convinced of zero inflation, annuity rates can be nowhere near 12 per cent.

So the erosion of real value in the traditional fixed annuity pension is not accidental. It is systematic. Anyone retiring on such a pension in the last 30 years should have expected it, and accordingly not spent all of their pension in the early years in order to eke things out later. But it is asking a lot of people to do this.

Furthermore, there is the not insignificant matter of the market's judgment. Suppose you retire on an annuity which reflects the market's belief that inflation will be 3 per cent but it subsequently turns out to be 10 per cent. You would soon be in serious difficulties. Still, quite why Fred Bloggs should think himself better able to forecast the future than the international capital markets is beyond me.

Nor is it obvious that if the market is to be wrong about inflation it will be because it proves too optimistic. Inflation may turn out to be much lower than the market expects. After all, that is the story of the last 15 years. And in that case, even though annuity rates are lower, the pensioner could turn out to be better off in real terms.

If this has failed to put your mind at rest, take comfort from looking the worst possible outcome squarely in the face. If gilt yields fell to zero, then annuity rates would be well above this level. For annuities explicitly assume the consumption of the capital over the pensioner's expected life. For a man aged 65, the annuity rate would be about 6¼ per cent. For a woman of the same age it would be about 5 per cent. No, please do not write to me complaining about another flagrant example of sexual discrimination. In this instance, the discrimination is rather difficult to overcome. It derives simply from the fact that, on average, women live longer — whatever the yield on gilts.

Holding your ground at the edge of the precipice

After the latest warning for Wall St, **Paul Durman** looks at fears over the UK market's future

Investors cannot say they weren't warned. Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, last week followed December's caution about the stock market's "irrational exuberance" with a new warning that the investment returns from shares must fall.

Combined with the German-led rise in European interest rates, this message prompted retreats in many of the world's stock markets. Yet, almost immediately, analysts started downplaying the significance of Mr Greenspan's remarks, and shrugging off the threat of an increase in US interest rates. As one US report put it: "Investors were in the mood for bullish comments — and that's what they heard." The upshot was Wall Street and the London market suffered only modest setbacks; the Dow Jones industrial average finished the week above 8,000 and the FTSE 100 ended not far short of its peak at 5,227.3.

Many value investors have long argued that most shares are already too expensive on all the old yardsticks — price/book, price/earnings, dividend yield, whatever. Their caution has often looked badly misplaced. Led by the banks and the pharmaceutical companies, the market has raced ahead against a backdrop of near-unanimity that Britain has joined the US on a sunlit upland where steady growth and low inflation stretch far into the distance.

Those stocks that bargain-hunting value investors have found cheap over the past few years have resolutely failed to perform. As a consequence, fund managers that subscribe to the value philosophy have consistently underperformed their peers. PDFM and M&G Group, the investment houses respectively identified as the leading institutional and leading retail adherents to value investing, have both damaged their distinguished long-term performance records.

PDFM's numerous big stakes in unimpressive companies have become almost a standing joke. Its dogs include Albert Fisher, Allied Domecq, Booker, Sears, Thorn and Willis Corroon.

Bowing to the pressure, a new and younger M&G management team has tweaked its investment style. It has enjoyed a good August and September.

But Tony Dye, PDFM's investment director, remains defiant. He is convinced that share prices are too high. Two illustrations: the current p/e on the entire UK market currently stands at almost 20 compared with the historical average of 13. And the dividend yield, PDFM's favourite indicator, has fallen to a historical low of 2.6 per cent.

For Mr Dye, it is not a question of whether the market will tumble, only of when.

This analysis prompted PDFM to withdraw 15 per cent of its clients' funds' cash from equities last year, giving Mr Dye a profile and a label ("controversial") he dislikes intensely. That PDFM still retains 45 per cent of its clients' £55 billion in UK equities is primarily a reflection of the restraints imposed by its investment mandates and its sense of commercial self-preservation.

Mr Dye argues his case with dozens of slides, including the striking dividend yield bar charts reproduced here. They show what happened to average real returns from equities in the five years after stock markets stood at various dividend yields. Judging by current yields, the outlook looks bleak here and in the US.

Commentators often suggest that the market needs to undergo a modest "correction" to catch its breath before moving higher. But Mr Dye believes the UK and the US are at risk of a much more severe and longer-lasting setback such as befell Japan, whose stock market is still at less than half its 1989 peak. As the table shows, historical comparisons are not encouraging.

According to PDFM, many investors are making the error of extrapolating the future from the recent past. The annual return on US equities has, since 1982, averaged around 15 per cent, more than in any other 15-year period in US history.

One reason the market has taken leave of its senses, Mr Dye believes, is the growing use of derivatives. The market has become a commodity, driven by the purchase of options on the future level of the FTSE 100, whose movements are increasingly unrelated to the trading performance of its constituent companies.

The value of outstanding options, futures and other derivatives contracts runs into trillions of dollars. Yet the information is so sketchy that it is impossible to tell where the exposures lie — or to assess the risks of a seismic shock to the world's financial markets. Meanwhile, the list of multi-million-pound derivative blunders grows all the time, with NatWest Markets being the latest addition.

The scale of derivatives trading hints at the extent of leverage in financial markets — large economic interests underpinned by only small down payments. When markets turn, many over-leveraged investors will have to raise cash quickly in order to meet their commitments. The wave of enforced selling that ensues is the classic way in which financial markets become unstable and crash.

Mr Dye is unconvinced by the liquidity argument — the view that stock market levels are supported by the record flows of money from pensions, personal equity plans and other forms of saving. He suggests investors are only expressing a liquidity preference — as between shares, fixed interest bonds, cash, etc. Japan's higher savings ratio has completely failed to prevent eight years of moribund trading. And he dismisses the suggestion that low inflation will enable companies to grow faster and therefore justifies higher share prices.

Many analysts accept that, on many conventional ratios, markets are expensive. The difficulty is that in the current benign environment they cannot imagine where the storm clouds are going to come from. Some investors are tempted to believe, because of low inflation or the growing importance of technology, that the world has entered a new era, allowing them to ignore the old warning signals from p/e ratios, dividend yields and so on.

Mr Dye says: "The deep psychological pressures of bull markets are amazingly strong. Even people who believe things are overheated are terrified of getting off. People just give in, and do things they don't really believe because markets persuade them."

Howard Maguire, head of UK equities at Threadneedle Asset Management, says: "I am as suspicious as the next man of 'it's different this time'." Nonetheless, he believes that the value managers have got it wrong, and that apparently expensive growth companies with good cashflows will continue to produce attractive returns.

Even Colin McLean of Scottish Value Management believes many of his peers have failed to recognise the importance of intellectual capital and brand values in the modern commercial world.

Moreover, Mr Maguire argues that, when compared with bond yields, equities do not look particularly expensive. And, Mr Maguire says, some value stocks are cheap for the very good reason that the companies are poorly managed or have poor prospects.

However, Mr Dye is unpersuaded that the business world has fundamentally changed. Irrespective of comparisons with bonds, PDFM believes equities are dear in absolute terms — and that means the risks of poor returns are high.

That stance looks set to either break PDFM, or make Mr Dye a hero. Either way he will have to put up with more unwelcome publicity.

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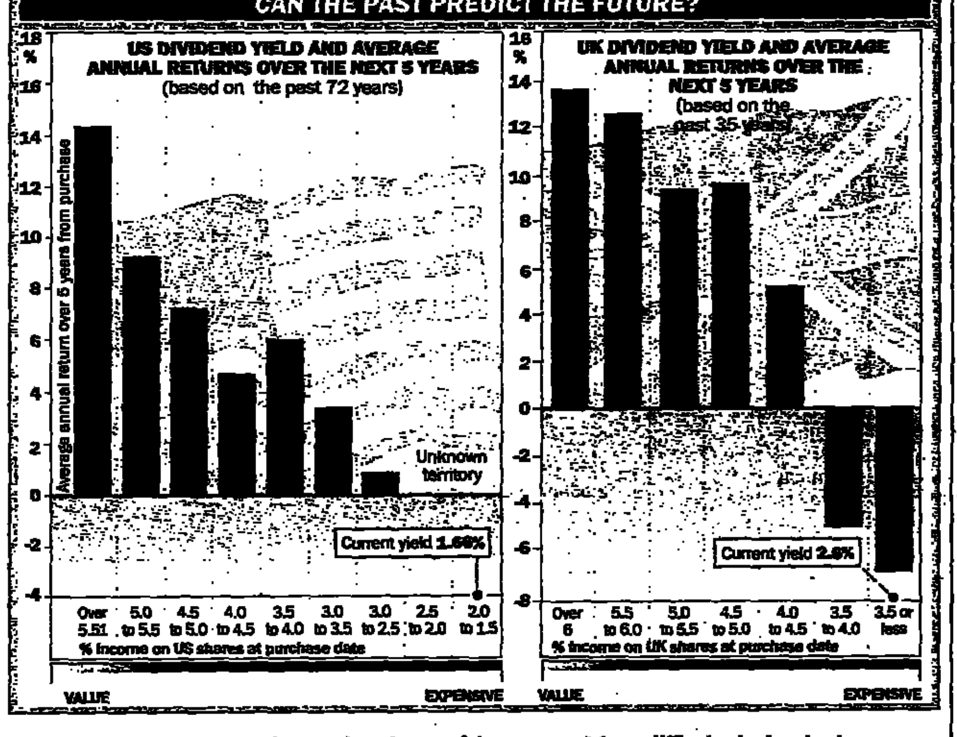

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT

	Dow Jones return %	Yield at peak %	Subsequent fall %	Years to recover
1921-29	570	2.9	-89	25
1946-66	520	2.9	-42	16
1982-97	877	1.8	?	?

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Beyond The Booker
Personalities talk literature
Mon-Thurs 7.50pm

The Booker On Four
Discussion programme with Melvyn Bragg
Tonight 10.55pm

The Booker Prize Live
Coverage of the award ceremony
Tuesday 8.00pm

TELEVISION CHOICE

Historical decorating

Period Rooms
Channel 5, 8.00pm

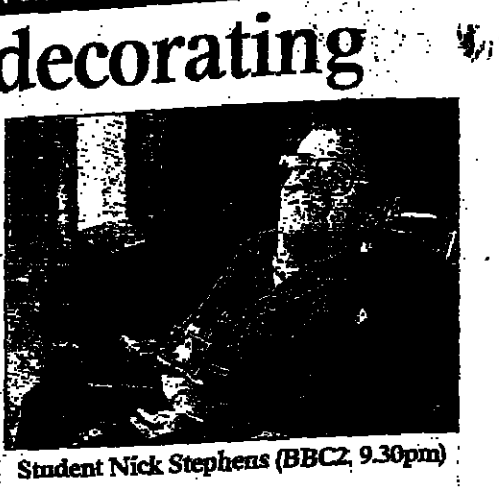
The BBC has *Changing Rooms* and *Ground Force* and now Channel 5 comes up with a series that filches elements from both. A combination of DIY and game show, it challenges two teams to decorate empty rooms in a given period style in eight hours. The budget, the same as in *Ground Force*, is £750. Annabel Giles is the breathless host and Hilary Kay, better known as an antiques expert, adjudicates. The showbusiness element can be tiresome but the format does involve a substantial element of historical knowledge and for discerning viewers that will be its main point of interest. Tonight's show comes from Bristol where the task is to create an Edwardian kitchen. Everything, from furniture to floor covering, must be true to the times and the essential item is a black cast-iron cooking range.

Equinox: Coma
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Postponed from September 1, when a bad night in Paris was still too fresh in the memory, this documentary from the United States looks at car crash victims and one neurosurgeon's pioneering approach to head injuries. Dr Jam Ghajar, who works in New York, has had spectacular success with patients who have come close to death. He insists this is due not to a miracle but to science. The key to his approach is that much of the injury often occurs after the initial impact. The brain can swell up and if it is not properly monitored and fluid drained from it, the patient can die. Nicole, a high school student, and nine-year-old Alex, both badly injured in car accidents, testify to Dr Jam's method. But it has also provoked controversy and has been rejected by many hospitals as costly and unnecessary.

Picture This
BBC2, 9.30pm

This is a documentary which, given its subject, can hardly miss. Thanks to meningitis, which nearly killed him as a baby, Nick Stephens is very severely disabled. Paralysed from the neck down, he cannot move or breathe without help. He is kept going by a portable life support system and a team of carers. Yet here he is, at 18, studying law at Oxford with every intention of becoming a barrister. Marion Milne's film neither understates the magnitude of Stephens's ambition (the Bar is not the easiest of professions at the best of times) nor tries to sentimentalise his plight. He has his periods of depression, particularly when he feels the lack of a social life. But he is determined not to feel sorry for himself and his tutor speaks warmly of his academic abilities. The film leaves you desperate to know whether he makes it.



Student Nick Stephens (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Face to Face
BBC2, 11.15pm

Sir Denis Forman has been hugely influential in a high-profile medium yet could probably walk down most streets without being recognised. For 40 years he was with Granada Television, ending up as its managing director and chairman. During this time he was associated, to a greater or lesser extent, with such landmarks of the small screen as *Coronation Street*, *Brideshead Revisited* and *The Jewel in the Crown*. To mark his 80th birthday, and a third volume of memoirs, he faces the unseen Sir Jeremy Isaacs to recall Granada's colourful founder, Sidney Bernstein, the early "cowboy" days at ITV and *The Jewel in the Crown*, which he personally supervised. He reflects, too, on a suffocating childhood, losing a leg in the Second World War and a passion for music.

Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Post Script: Poets' Fan Mail
Radio 3, 9.45pm

There is so little poetry on the airwaves that this series of short programmes, running each day this week, is very welcome. Each of five poets will read a work specially commissioned by Radio 3 and written in the form of a letter to a poet from the past that the writer particularly admires. Today's opener, *The Writing Lark*, is written by Tom Paulin in praise of the early 19th-century peasant poet John Clare, who was to become insane after a life lived in poverty despite some patronage. Paulin is probably best known to a wider audience for his appearances on television's *Late Review* but his poetry is a delight. The other poets featured this week are Glyn Maxwell, Mark Doty, Kathleen Jamie and Olive Senior.

The Magazine
Radio 5 Live, 9.00am

All change in one of the BBC's brightest morning slots. Brian Hayes has been presenting *The Magazine* for some time but the BBC says that he was only ever in place on a temporary basis, hence the arrival, as the new permanent presenter, of Nicky Campbell. Who? Ah, you see you really must start listening to Radio 1. Or perhaps not. Anyway, Campbell is a stalwart of Radio 1 who now brings to *The Magazine* a somewhat livelier and more in-your-face style than Hayes had. We are told Campbell has always had a keen interest in news and current affairs. He will need it to match the background knowledge that Hayes brought to the key phone-in and interview segments in this three-hour programme.

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball. The all new breakfast show **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley. Includes **12.30pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Radcliffe **4.00** Dave Pearce **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Steve Lamacq: Evening Session **8.30** Live Music Update with Biggy Smals **8.40** Andy Kershaw **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Clive Warren **4.00** Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **8.00** Malcolm Laycock with Big Band, Era and Dance Band Days **9.00** Big Band Special Sheila Tracy presents the BBC Big Band under Barry Forgie **9.30** Hayes Over Britain **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine. See Choice **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.30** The Monday Match: Birmingham City v Wolves **9.30** Football Legends: Pat Jennings **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp **5.00** Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

5.00am Jeremy Clark **7.00** Chris Evans **10.00 (FM)** Robin Banks **(AM)** Graham Dene **1.00pm (FM)** Nick Abbot **(MW)** Nicky Horne **4.00** Russ 'n' Jono **7.00 (FM)** Paul Coyte **(AM)** Calmin Jones **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **9.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Paradox **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The Portrait of a Lady **8.30** The Vintage Chart Show **9.00** News; News in German (648 only) **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** International: Question Time **10.00** News **10.05** World World Business Report Report **10.15** Ends of the World **10.30** BBC English: Britain Now **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Omnibus **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Jazzmatazz **1.00** News; News in German (648 only) **1.05** World World Business Report Report **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Chill Out **4.00** World News **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** On Your Behalf **4.30** Pop the Question **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** World World Business Report Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Seven Days; News in German (648 only) **6.45** Sports Roundup **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Brain of Britain **8.00** News **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack Hit List **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** World World Business Report Report **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Dreams of Leaving: The Story of Human Migration **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sports Roundup **12.00** News **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack Hit List **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** See It My Way **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Seven Days **2.45** Poems by Post **3.00** Newsday **3.30** On Screen **4.00** News **4.05** World World Business Report Report **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** Europe Today **5.00** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly. Includes the Classic Masterpiece and Hall of Fame Hour **1.00pm** Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones **2.00** Concerto. Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto No 5 in F) **3.00** Nick Bailey **7.00** Newsnight with John Brunning **7.30** Sonata. Boyce (Trio Sonata No 2 in F) **8.00** Evening Concert. Mozart (Overture, Don Giovanni); Haydn (Violin Concerto in C); Paderewski (Piano Sonata in E flat minor); Michael Haydn (Vespers for the Feast of the Innocents); Boccherini (Symphony No 6 in A) **10.00** Michael Mappin. Includes Nocturne **2.00am** Concerto (r) **3.00** Mark Griffiths

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, including Brahms (Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel); Janacek (The Lord's Prayer); Gounod, transcr Liszt (Waltz, Faust); Nielsen (Pan and Syrinx); Mendelssohn (Overture The Fair Melusine); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes Handel (Concerto a due Cori No 3 in F); Vaughan Williams (Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus); Brahms (Clarinet Sonata in F minor)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines. Bizet (Card Trio, Carmen); Bartok (Hungarian Peasant Songs); Liszt (Fête Villageoise, Grand Galop Chromatique); Bizet (Carmen, excerpts); Mozart (String Quartet in D minor); Handel (Alcina, excerpts); Liszt (Reminiscences from Norma); Bartok (Romanian Folk Dances); E. Strauss (Carmen)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Mikhail Glinka
1.00pm News; Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Vellinger Quartet. Haydn (String Quartet in F sharp minor); Schoenberg (String Quartet No 3)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales. Mendelssohn (Overture: The Hebrides, Fingal's Cave), under George Hurst; Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor); Mahler (Symphony No 5), under Ion Marin, with Augustin Day, violin
4.00 Music Matters, with Ivan Hewett (r)
4.45 Music Machine. Verity Sharp looks at Strauss's symphonic poem *Til Eulenspiegel*
5.00 In Tune. Sean Rafferty introduces Irish music from John Field and American music from William Grant Still. Includes Ton Koopman's recording of Schubert's Unfinished Symphony (No 8 in B minor)
7.30 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century): Sir John in Love. Vaughan Williams's Shakespeare comedy. With Donald Maxwell, baritone, Susan Gritton, soprano, Pamela Helen Stephen, mezzo, Anne-Marie Owens, contralto, Rebecca Evans, soprano, Stephen Varcoe, baritone, the Joyful Company of Singers and the Northern Sinfonia under Richard Hickox
9.45 Postscript: Poets' Fan Mail. See Choice (1/5)
10.00 Voices Donizetti Songs. Dennis O'Neill, tenor, sings a selection of rare Donizetti songs. With Ingrid Surgenor, piano. Includes Il Sospiro; La Ninna Nanna; Le Crepuscule; La Lontananza; Meine Liebe; La Sultana; Il Pescatore
10.45 Mixing It. The first of a new series with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall
11.30 Composers of the Week: Dufay, Binchois and Their Contemporaries (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. The trumpeter Howard McGhee recalls his time with Charlie Parker, Coleman Hawkins and Andy Kirk's band, in an interview recorded in 1976
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Marko Kink, baritone, Natasa Valant, piano. Schubert (Schwanengesang) **1.55** Polish NRSO under Kazimierz Kord. Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica) **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.45** Tips from Women Gardeners. An anthology of green-fingered women compiled by Deborah Calloway. Read by Jane Lapotaire and Alice Arnold (1/5) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with the *Times* columnist Melvyn Bragg
10.00 (FM) News; With Great Pleasure. Marjorie Wallace, the journalist and head of Sane, the organisation for the support of schizophrenics and their carers, chooses her favourite pieces of writing. Read by Anna Massey and Tim Pigott-Smith
10.00 (LW) Daily Service
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 Money Box Live, with Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Round Britain Quiz. The South of England take on Scotland in the cryptic quiz chaired by Nick Clarke **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Electric Angel, by Beatrice Colin. A play set in the late 1960s. With Liam Brennan, Deirdre Davis and Anne Kristen (r)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker talks to David Haig about his new play about Kipling, and considers what happens to a piece of classical music after the premiere — is it ever heard again?
4.45 Short Story: The Right Spot, by Patrick Skene Catling. Read by David Kelly
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 News Quiz. This week's panel includes Frances Wheen, Jeremy Hardy and the *Times* columnist Alan Coren (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme. Derek Cooper tastes the produce at Britain's first farmers' market in Bath (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Story of Jude, by Geoffrey Beevers. A man gives up his possessions to work with the homeless. With Larry Lamb and Susan Wooldridge
9.15 Colour Radio. An aural exploration of the colour green (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Booker at Bedtime. An extract from *The Essence of This* by Madeline St John (6/7)
11.00 Comparing Notes with Brian Kay. Brian Kay investigates the workings and repertoire of pianolas and player pianos with Rex Lawson and Denis Hall (r)
11.30 Ballylenon. The first of a four-part comedy drama series by Christopher Fitz-Simon, set in Ballylenon, Co Donegal. With Stella McCusker, Margaret D'Arcy and T.P. McKenna (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Drowned World, by J.G. Ballard. Read by Nicholas Farrell (4/10) (r)
12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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The eyes have it down in rural thriller land

Matthew Bond

To those whose attention drifted during *A Dance to the Music of Time* and who finished Thursday night still not entirely sure which of our trio of tall, dark handsome young men was James Purefoy, **Bright Hair** (BBC1, Saturday and Sunday) offered a second chance. He was the one in the glasses and corduroy jacket, which must have been a nice change after all those dinner jackets and stiff collars.

Still playing a would-be writer, though, and still playing opposite members of the Fox family. If it's Thursday, it must be Edward Fox giving it a-plenty as the elusive Uncle Giles. Thankfully, however, it was the weekend, which meant that the girl in the school dress and straw boater *must* be Emilia Fox.

Whether she passed muster as a 15-year-old I shall leave to those whose knowledge of teenage girls is rather more current than mine. But she seemed convincing enough, especially as it soon became clear that Ann Devenish was no ordinary teenager. For a start, at moments of high drama (we were three bodies down by the end of part one) her beautiful brown eyes would go black and starey. The fiend of Ashminster had struck with the contact lenses again.

Ann's eyes were just one of several oddities that all led to the same question on Saturday night: just how seriously were we supposed to be taking this? A deeply gruesome corpse at the first crime scene suggested an answer of "very", but then the doubts set in. Two very slightly over-the-top performances, from Jim Carter as Ann's father and Victoria Wicks as her headmistress, suggested that this wasn't real life after all, a suggestion that a camera pretending to be a baddie behind a tree later confirmed. We were in rural thriller land, which if you don't know it, is down the M4 and ... well, if you get to Miss Marple country you know you've gone too far.

In rural thriller land, people think nothing of teenage girls who keep popping up at crime scenes suffering from amnesia, clutching — or latterly driving — a large piece of evidence; nor indeed of good-looking English masters, who urge their blossoming pupils to "be true only to your talent".

We finished Saturday's episode thinking they were both as mad as each other. Which is pretty much where we ended last night's conclusion, too, a curious lack of progress which made the dénouement more interesting than thrilling. Mind you, if you began the evening already knowing that Donne was a dualist, I'm not absolutely sure it would count even as that. Still, Fox will have done her budding reputation no harm, while Oliver Milburn, who played her teenage admirer, Lawrence, impressively ensured he has a reputation to build on. As for Purefoy, it's back to cocktail parties and "Ah, Stringham". I wonder if he's had enough of would-be writers yet?

My own little dance with time took me to the Natural History Museum last week, where I listened to David Attenborough talk about, well, natural history, and bumped into an old university friend, now editor of *The Natural World*. "Ah, Stringham," I began. He looked puzzled, which as his name is Neil is probably fair.

Anyway it was the sort of evening when everyone was so enthusiastic about natural history (the evening marked the 40th birthday of the BBC's Natural History Unit) that I went to bed fully resolved to be a wildlife cameraman when I grew up. When I woke and remembered I was grown up (despite a rather adolescent headache suggesting otherwise) the best plan B was to be nicer about what they do. Thankfully, **The Animal Zone** (BBC2) makes that pretty easy.

It's just such a good idea, linking assorted wildlife programmes across the hour-and-a-half of late Sunday afternoon when there's nothing else to watch. The two bits I caught up with were **Chimpanzee Diary**, which involved an improbably glamorous animal behaviourist chasing chimpanzees through the jungle with a video camera; and **Africa's Forgotten Elephants**, which didn't.

Forgotten elephants turned out to be slightly stretching a point. Had she stayed at home watching television rather than studying savannah elephants in Kenya, Cynthia Moss would certainly have known about the desert elephants of Namibia. They're the ones that surf down sand-dunes, right? As it turned out they didn't have any footage of elephants performing that particular trick (honestly they *do*), but as they did have pictures of beach elephants using their trunks as snorkels, I forgave them.

The narration, both Moss's own and Attenborough's afterthoughts, had been cleverly written to appeal to a wide age range and was unashamedly pro-elephant. The one omission, it seemed to me, was that having dropped in on elephants across the full geographical range of Africa, they didn't look at an area where elephant over-population is the problem. Unless, of course, the documentaries that alerted me to that particular problem are now *out of date*.

I watched **The Liners** (Channel 4, Saturday) simply because I like big ships and because even as we watched *Canberra* was en route to a Pakistani scrapyard. The series itself turned out to be Australian-made, educational in tone and the proud possessor of an extraordinarily florid commentary. Liners, we learnt, to the accompaniment of trumpets, "were like rockets of the space age, *pinnacles of human achievement*, representing industrial and technological might". Some fascinating archive footage *was best watched with the sound* turned down.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (99139)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (82605771)
9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (3780955)
9.30 Style Challenge (1322085)
9.55 Kilroy (T) (3301972)
10.35 Change That (8212752)
11.00 News (T) and weather (7774348)
11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (7707874)
11.35 Room for Improvement The home of one of Ireland's top interior designers *(r)* (3715145)
12.00 News (T) and weather (8084597)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (7820874)
12.35 Going for a Song (5502435)
1.00 News (T) and weather (97684)
1.30 Regional News (T) (73571023)
1.40 The Weather Show (75135526)
1.45 Neighbours (T) (71360435)
2.10 Quincy (r) (8219481)
3.00 Through the Keyhole (r) (1541058)
3.25 The Really Useful Show *Update* (4991874)
3.30 Playdays (r) (8006961) **3.50** Enchanted Lands (9597690) **4.00** Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes (8327955) **4.15** Noah's Island (T) (6262232) **4.40** Goosebumps (T) (3915706) **5.00** Newsround (T) (2019665) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (9581690)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (404023)
6.00 News (T) and weather (690)
6.30 Regional News (T) (482)
7.00 *This Is Your Life* *Michael Aspel surprises* another unsuspecting personality with the Big Red Book (T) (2348)
7.30 Here and Now: Silent Witness? Chris Choi investigates the growing number of cases of sexual abuse of people with learning or physical disabilities that never go to court because the victims are not deemed competent witnesses (T) (225)
8.00 EastEnders The events of the past few days take their toll on the Jacksons. Lorraine's planned move to Bolton does not go down well with Joe (T) (5868)
8.30 A Prince Among Men Gary embarks on the daunting task of orchestrating a reconciliation with his family (T) (2413)
9.00 News (T) regional news and weather (6955)
9.30 Bloomin' Marvellous Liz contends with Jack's fear of flying and the squabbling grandmothers-to-be (T) (40145)
10.00 Panorama In-depth current affairs (T) (708771)
10.40 Full Circle with Michael Palin (r) (T) (232313)
11.35 Film '97 with Barry Norman Reviews of *Wilde*, starring Stephen Fry; *Shooting Fish*, a British comedy; and *subUrbia*, about a successful rock star returning *home* (T) (577313)
12.05am The Picture of Dorian Gray (1945) FILM Haunting Oscar Wilde story about a Victorian rake who keeps a portrait of himself in the attic — a picture which shows his true age and depravity while he stays eternally young. With Hurd Hatfield, George Sanders and Angela Lansbury. Directed by Albert Lewin (T) (855424)
1.50 Weather (1899240)

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BBC2

6.00am Education: The Write to Choose (T) (10110) **6.30** After the Revolution (65597)
7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (9687232)
7.15 Teletubbies (r) (6827752) **7.40** Smurfs' Adventures (r) (4374619) **8.05** Blue Peter *(r) (T) (7036619)* **8.30** *Music-a-Grams (r)* (2124969) **8.45** Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (9523139)
9.10 Spanish Globo (3571936) **9.15** Clementine (3509145) **9.30** Writing and Pictures (T) (8608145) **9.45** Storytime (8523400) **10.00** Teletubbies (52077) **10.30** Words and Pictures (6676313) **10.45** Cats' Eyes (6671868) **11.00** Look and Read: Spywatch (5283936) **11.20** Zig Zag (6252139) **11.40** Landmarks (T) (9258226) **12.00** Heading South (5750400) **12.20pm** Showcase (8086955) **12.30** Working Lunch (55023) **1.00** Greedysaurus Gang (55915110) **1.05** Hairy Jeremy (55914481)
1.10 The Countryside Hour (7543023)
2.10 Indoor Bowls: Bups Open from Preston's Guild Hall (94442313)
6.00 The Simpsons New series. Homer orders Bart to take the family's naughty hound in hand (T) (427400)
6.25 Battlestar Galactica (r) (T) (504874)
7.10 The Car's the Star The new series begins with the E-type Jaguar (T) (987232)
7.30 Oil on Canvas The various techniques of applying paint to the canvas. Last in series (T) (868)
8.00 Decisive Weapons The F117A Stealth fighter. Last in series (T) (6110)
8.30 Two Fat Ladies prepare an elaborate picnic for the members of Colwyn Male Voice Choir (T) (8145)
9.00 Absolutely Fabulous (r) (T) (4597)
9.30 Picture This Nick Stephens overcame severe disabilities to study law at Oxford (T) (48787)
10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks Former Take That heart-throb Mark Owen, Radio 1 DJ Lisa I'Anson, M People percussionist Shovell and singer Richard Fairbrass join regular captains Sean Hughes and Phill Jupitus (T) (29110)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (848503)

Sir Denis Forman (11.15pm)

11.15 Face to Face Sir Denis Forman discusses his long career in broadcasting (173961)
11.55 Weather (372955)
12.05am The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r) (4364578)
12.30 Learning Zone: The Making of Kate Adie (1819646) **12.45** Valued Environments, Environmental Values (T) (8000608) **1.35** Going with the Flow (6376630) **2.00** Signed Landmarks — *Portrait of Britain* (18849) **4.00** Everybody Here Spoke Sign-Langbage (74849) **5.00-6.00** Business and Training (89337)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4008874)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (3786139)
9.55 Regional News (7284874)
10.00 The Time, the Place (49503)
10.30 This Morning (T) (77551481)
12.20pm Regional News (8073481)
12.30 News (T) and weather (5598232)
12.55 High Road (5400023)
1.25 Home and Away (T) (76860110)
1.50 Staying Afloat (1993) with Larry Hagman and Eric Christmas. FILM A disinherited spendthrift joins forces with a Federal investigator and operates as an undercover agent from his yacht off the Florida coast to track down a murderous conman (1414923)
3.20 News (4814771)
3.25 Regional News (4813042)
3.30 Tots TV (8000503) **3.40** The Slow Norris (9593874) **3.50** Wolves, Witches and Giants (8011619) **4.05** Sooty and Co (T) (6171936) **4.25** Sabrina the Teenage Witch (r) (T) (6180684) **4.50** How 2 (T) (3906058)
5.10 WALES: House Following the transformation of a derelict Victorian house (r) (T) (3972503)
5.10 We Are Seven (3972503)
5.40 News (T) and weather (750329)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (421226)
6.25 Regional Weather (403435)
6.30 Regional News (110)
7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers with (7416)
7.30 Coronation Street Leanne and Toyah try to contact the dead (T) (394)
8.00 World in Action The conclusion of a year-long investigation into the behaviour of chemical companies and government agencies over organophosphate-*based pesticides (2/2) (T) (6856)*

Host Michael Barrymore (8.30pm)

8.30 Michael Barrymore's Strike it Rich Game show (T) (2771)
9.00 Noah's Ark Tom considers his future at the practice while assiting Clare with a kick-boxing ostrich (T) (8665)
10.00 News at Ten (T) *and weather (23936)*
10.30 Regional News and weather (140023)
10.40 Nash Bridges (T) (313232)
11.40 Highlander (183868)
12.40am Football Extra (9930511) **1.45** War of the Worlds (r) (6246820) **2.35** Rockmania (r) (6747646) **3.30** God's Gift (r) (6054207) **4.25** Cool Vibes (97240849) **4.35** *World in Action (r) (T) (56132443)* **5.00** Coronation Street (r) (T) (79714) **5.30** News (62849)

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (5400023)
1.50 Blue Heelers (9912684)
2.50-3.20 High Road (9326690)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3972503)
6.25-7.00 Central News (789023)
11.40 Charlie Grace (183868)
1.40am Late and Loud (9374559)
2.40 Curtis Calls (3765004)
2.45 Film: Passionate Summer (938801)
4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (26364694)
4.50 Eastern Mix (56144288)
5.20 Asian Eye (7020998)

As HTV West except:
12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (8073481)
12.55 Home and Away (5400023)
1.25 High Road (46661435)
1.55 Murder, She Wrote (9093503)
2.50-3.20 Gardener's Diary (9326690)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3972503)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (67868)
10.30 Westcountry News (237503)
10.45 Nash Bridges (505955)
11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (539503)

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (5400023)
1.50 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (8486787)
2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (8223684)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3972503)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (918)
6.30-7.00 A Weekend's Work (110)
10.30 Meridian News and Weather (237503)
10.45 Nash Bridges (226752)
11.40 The Pier (925418)
12.05am The Listings (6248646)
12.10 The Loop (4331240)
5.00 Freescreen (79714)

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (5400023)
1.50 Homemaker (8486787)
2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (8223684)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3972503)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (789023)
10.30 Anglia News and Weather (237503)
10.45 Backstage (660936)
11.10 Nash Bridges (375232)
12.10am Weekly World News (4331240)

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (83435) **9.00 Ysgolion** (172394) **11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier** (3058) **12.00pm Right to Reply** (26077) **12.30 Montel Williams** (53619) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (32345936) **1.15 Miffi** (32446619) **1.30 The Liners** (40874) **2.30 Wild Tales from National Geographic** (85619) **3.30 Collector's Lot** (416) **4.00 Fifteen-to-*One*** *(333)* ***4.30 The Music School*** *(435)* **5.00 5 Pump** (4351313) **5.15 Ffeil** (2014110) **5.30 Countdown** (787) **6.00 Newyddion 6** (967058) **6.10 Heno** (254752) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (535313) **7.25 Taro Naw** (980690) **8.00 Eric** (4706) **8.30 Newyddion** (1923) **9.00 Cutting Edge** (2435) **10.00 Sgorio** (9394) **11.00 Roots of Evil** (90771) **12.00am The American Football Big Match** (7539066) **1.15 The Booker on Four** (810337) **2.15 Diwedd** (164527) **4.00 Ysgolion** (526801) **5.55 Diwedd** (1787559) **5.55 Sesame Street** (1787559)

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (83435)
9.00 Schools: The English Programme (T) (3774394) **9.25** Schools at Work (3557787) **9.30** Geography Junction (T) (8520313) **9.45** Book Box (T) **10.00** Stage Two Science *(T) (8525868)* **10.15** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (47145) **10.30** Place and People (T) **10.50** Stop, Look, Listen (T) (7422752) **11.00** Living and Growing (3111351) **11.15** The Mix (6349619)
11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Tomato and prawns; cinnamon pork with oregano; lemon and almond biscuit (3058)
12.00 Sesame Street (26077)
12.30pm Light Lunch (49145)
1.30 The Web Animated series on endangered species (85030972)
1.35 *Pinky* *(1949, b/w) starring Jeanne* Crain. FILM A drama about racial intolerance in America's Deep South. Directed by Elia Kazan (T) (40093706)
3.30 Collector's Lot (T) (416) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (333) **4.30** Countdown (T) (8739665) **4.55** Montel Williams (T) (8658394) **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (787)
6.00 Home Improvement American comedy series (400)
6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (752)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (283684)
7.50 Beyond the Booker *The first of four* nightly reflections by personalities on the Booker prize. Beginning with the novelist Q, author of *Dead Meat* (T) (307232)
8.00 Wild Tales from National Geographic: **Crocs and Gators** Comparing and contrasting the lives of young alligators in the freshwaters of the Everglades with that of a young crocodile in the salt water of Florida Bay (T) (9771)

Dr Jam Ghajar (9.00pm)

9.00 Equinox: Coma A documentary following leading American neurosurgeon, Dr Jam Ghajar, as he treats a nine-year-old, hit by a car in New York, with his revolutionary techniques (T) (2435)
10.00 NYPD Blue: I Love Lucy Kirkendall comes to the aid of an old high school friend (T) (348313)
10.55 *The Booker on Four* *Melvyn Bragg* chairs a discussion on the state of fiction. With Martin Amis, Lisa Jardine, Salman Rushdie and Gore Vidal (T) (317058)
11.55 The American Football Big Match Highlights from the weekend's NFL games (373619)
1.15am Trans World Sport (810337)
2.15 But — Seriously *Historical news* footage combined with hysterical comedy performances (r) (252559)
3.45 Unsigned A painter loses his inspiration and makes a pact with a tramp (29339356)
4.00 Schools: The New Living Body (68269)

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6.00am 5 News Early (2850139)
7.30 Milkshake (7873936) **7.35** USA High (r) (8949078) **8.00** Havakazoo (r) (8327435)
8.30 WideWorld A series exploring the development of cities (9/12) (8326706)
9.00 Espresso (5599787) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (6165110) **10.30** Animal Calypso (r) (Teletext) (8233042)
11.00 Leeza Chat show (7416905) **11.50** *Double Espresso (44221058)* ***12.00*** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8224394) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (2211315)
1.00 5 News (99197619) **1.05** Sunset Beach *(T) (1274771)* ***2.00*** *5's Company* (4631077)
3.30 Broken Promise (1981) with Chris Sarandon and Melissa Michaelsen. FILM A made-for-television melodrama about five children abandoned by their parents. Directed by Roger Gimbel (3691936)
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (55910145)
5.30 Whittle (T) (8300058)
6.00 100 Per Cent (8227771)
6.30 Family Affairs (T) (8218023)
7.00 Exclusive With Boy George standing in for presenter *Julia Bradbury (6075313)*
7.30 Beastly Britain How large coveys of partridges have been steadily disappearing from Britain's countryside *(T) (8310435)*

Presenter Annabel Giles (8.00pm)

8.00 Period Rooms A new 13-part *interior design series* presented by Annabel Giles, which challenges two teams to decorate a room in a specific period style. Tonight the teams are given £750 and eight hours to create an Edwardian kitchen (T) (6157961)
8.30 5 News (T) (6070868)
9.00 The Sweeney: Poppy Regan and Carter are on the trail of a fugitive who has returned to Britain to reclaim some loot (3284690)
10.00 Wing and a Prayer Legal drama series (T) (3294077)
11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (5678394)
11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (8943058)
12.45am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (24349795)
3.45 Asian Football Show (2971998)
4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police drama (T) (8779004)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5474424)

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SKY 1

6.00am *Morning Glory (689145)* **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (52110) **10.00** Another World (24706) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (31042) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (87690) **1.00pm** Geraldo (90110) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (97110) **3.00** Jenny Jones (98874) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (83351) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2503) **6.00** The Live 6 Show (9955) **6.30** Married — with Children (6435) **7.00** The Simpsons (3232) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2619) **8.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (28981) **9.00** Poltergeist: The Legacy (42597) **10.00** Sliders (45894) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (25435) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (13172) **1.00am** Long Play (1429337)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am A Christmas without Snow (1980) (85108868) **7.35 Kidco** (1984) (53563787) **9.20 David Copperfield** (1970) (89338972) **11.20 Jumanji** (1995) (38348145) **1.05pm Kidco** (1984) (68432058) **3.00 David Copperfield** (1970) (11023) **5.00 Dreamer** (1979) (31477333) **6.45 Jumanji** (1995) (53384685) **8.30 The Movie Show** (3905) **9.00 Iron Eagle IV** (1995) (46799961) **10.45 National Lampoon's Senior Trip** (15 (1995) (75239874) **12.20am French Twist** (1995) (632808) **2.05 I Ought to Be in Pictures** (1982) (673337) **3.50 Murdered Innocence** (1995) (60335849)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.15am The Man from Colorado (1948) (45453706) **8.00 Chad Hanna** (1940) (82232) **10.00 Reckless Kelly** (1994) (65923) **12.00 Crack Up** (1946) (589836) **1.35pm One Cooks, the Other Doesn't** (1983) (43165706) **3.15 Far from Home: The Adventures of Yellow Dog** (1994) (4982348) **4.40 Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown** (1977) (7457923) **6.00 Reckless Kelly** (1994) (40329) **8.00 The Odyssey** (1997) (445232) **10.30 The Scarlet Letter** (1995) (28583665) **12.45am Poetic Justice** (1993) (251832) **2.35 Emmanuelle** (1974) (968527) **4.10 Dangerous Indiscretion** (1994) (445462)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Francis, the Talking Mule (1950) (4874690) **6.00 Sabrina** (1954) (1582313) **8.00 The Dream Team** (1989) (1667058) **10.00 No Mercy** (1986) (2194787) **11.50 The Blue Iguana** (1988) (4978023) **1.25am Lady in Cement** (1968) (2363808) **3.00 Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide** (1983) (6118795) 4.35 Close

TNT

9.00pm Kiss Me Kate (1953) (73603884) **11.00 Heart of Darkness** (1994) (84130874) **1.00am Dream Lover** (1986) (84025998) **3.00 Kiss Me Kate** (1953) (43705153) *5.00 Close*

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Futbol Mundial (54961) **7.30** Sports Unlimited (99690) **8.30** Super Dragsters (87961) **9.00** *Racing News (85313)* **9.30** Aerobics (70315) **10.00** International Football (98329) **12.00** Aerobics (78077) **12.30pm** Watersports World (50085) **1.30** Super Dragsters (20892) **2.00** Sports Unlimited (42684) **3.00** Basketball (44329) **5.00** Watersports World (7077) **6.00** Sports Centre (7139) **6.30** Football League Review (56416) **8.00** Football Special: Road to France (60861). **10.00** Sports Centre (79706) **10.30** Watersports World (47067) **11.30** World Windsurfing Tour (47139) **12.00** Sports Centre (12882) **12.30am** Football Special: Road to France (95462) **2.30** Football League Review (71443) **4.00** *Sports Centre (21375)* **4.30** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (2674435) **7.30** Windsurfing (2580042) **8.00** Racing News (9853228) **8.30** Rebel Sports (9389771) **9.30** NASCAR (8775619) **12.30pm** Football League Review (8139042) **2.30** US Golf: *Michelob Championship* (7175226) **4.00** Super Dragsters (7367955) **4.30** Football League Review (7179042) **6.00** Windsurfing (7440232) **6.30** V-Max (7368684) **7.00** Sports Centre (7039905) **7.30** World Motor Sport (4597459) **10.30** V-Max (9939690) **11.00** Football League Review (9443787) **12.30am** Major League Baseball (9348288) **2.30** Sports Centre (9755207) **3.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00pm European PGA Golf: Novotel Perrier (34975810) **2.30** NFL (27428329) **6.00** Esprit (82878459) **7.00** Fish TV (73799435) **8.00** Baseball (73808771) **10.00** Sky Sports Gold (96833787)

EUROSPORT

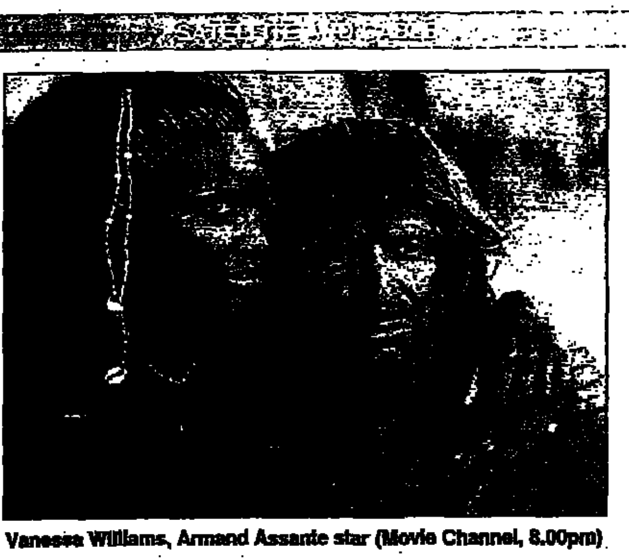
7.30am Sailing (82936) **8.00** Martial Arts (32955) **9.00** Motorcycling (48400) **11.00** Football (86400) **1.00pm** Triathlon (75400) **1.30** Offroad (94232) **2.30** Football (83690) **4.30** Speedworld (96351) **5.30** Truck Racing (5394) **6.00** Fun Sports: Jump the Bust (8435) **6.30** Tennis (55416) **7.30** Live Tennis (83787) **9.00** Tractor Pulling (71077) **10.00** Football (99428) **11.30** Boxing (53077) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (6192145) **7.35** Neighbours (8993684) **8.00** Crossroads (9629232) **8.25** EastEnders (3721771) **9.00** The Bill (1373077) **9.30** Howards' Way (4081481) **10.00** In Loving Memory (9795955) **10.30** The Sullivans (1362981) **11.00** Kinsey (6729868) **12.00** Crossroads (57370503) **12.25pm** Neighbours (57373690) **12.55** EastEnders (1979503) **1.30** Hi-De-Hi (8264110) **2.10** Dad's Army (2488787) **2.50** Are You Being Served? (4233665) **3.30** The Bill (9390836) **4.00** Casualty (62627139) **5.05** EastEnders (9767329) **5.40** Bob's Full House (7087706) **6.25** That's Showbusiness (7909981) **7.00** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (8951771) **7.40** Rosie (6057400) **8.15** Dad's Army (7828313) **9.00** The Bill (1412665) **9.30** Middlemarch (96805482) **10.40** Yes, Minister (5804058) **11.20** The New Statesman (9194042) **11.55** Spitting Image (7071955) **12.25am** Between the Lines (2153288) **1.20** Miami Vice (62701733) **2.30** Shopping (2411511)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am El Uncut (7350787) **6.30** Beadle's About (3815435) **7.00** Coronation St (5200394) **7.30** Families (6392329) **8.00** Surprise Surprise (6957685) **9.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (7369435) **10.00** Mission Impossible (6218313) **11.00** Hawaii Five-O (5301077) **12.00** Coronation St (4374226) **12.30pm** Families (2422313) **1.00** Blind Date (2427968) **2.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (3805416) **3.00** Beadle's About (5759961) **3.30** Surgical Spirit (5251706) **4.00** Mission Impossible (3787619) **5.00** Hawaii Five-O (5677313) **6.00** Families (5240690) **6.30** *Coronation St (5168042)* **7.00** Blind Date (1968232) **8.00** Mission Impossible (1879752) **9.00** Coronation St (3756503) **9.30** The Comedians (2515077) **10.00** Hawaii Five-O (1965503) **11.00** Close



Vanessa Williams, Armand Assante star (Movie Channel, 8.00pm)

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (34706) **6.30** Lamb Chop (59597) **7.00** Chip 'n' Dale (80955) **7.30** Quack Pack (65690) **8.00** Dinosaurs (28042) **8.30** *Bonkers (27313)* **9.00** Gummi Bears (18865) **9.30** Groundling Marsh (2835049) **9.55** Mouse and Mole (4346684) **10.00** Sesame Street (61874) **11.00** Winnie the Pooh (9844110) **11.15** Rosie and Jim (8802464) **11.40** Sing Me a Story (3389058) **12.00** Tots TV (49459) **12.30pm** The Big Garage (45255085) **12.45** Winnie the Pooh (14856351) **1.00** Sesame Street (53226) **2.00** Madisons Adventures: Growing Up Wild (7042) **2.30** Care Bears (4481) **3.00** Tale Spin (9077) **3.30** Goof Troop (8226) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (1981) **4.30** Aladdin — the Series (7145) **5.00** Gargoyles (8394) **5.30** Dinosaurs (5587) **6.00** Blossom (5110) **6.30** Boy Meets World (2690) **7.00** *Home Improvement* (1058) **7.30** Wonder Years (8874) **8.00** **FILM:** Picture Perfect (1995) (18067) **9.30** Dave's World (41435) **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Dafty and His Friends (8755232) **6.30** Billy the Cat (2151690) **7.00** Pinocchio (6194961) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (6017868) **8.00** *Beetleborgs (1176416)* **8.30** Masked Rider (1175787) **9.00** The Magic Box (1093139) **9.30** Dudley the Dragon (7645923) **10.00** Inspector Gadget (2079042) **10.30** Samurai Pizza Cats (1092023) **11.00** Sweet Valley High (6199416) **12.00** Ace Ventura (1179503) **12.30pm** Casper (4596459) **1.00** The Tick (6193232) **1.30** Iron Man (4495400) **2.00** Fantastic Four (4795955) **2.30** Power Rangers Zeo (7444503) **3.00** Beetleborgs (4870690) **3.30** Masked Rider (7456348) **4.00** Ace Ventura (7362955) **4.30** Casper (7368139) **5.00** The Tick (4662435) **5.30** X Men (7455619) **6.00** Spiderman (7445232) **6.30** Sweet Valley High (7363684)

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6.00am Happily Ever After (34752) **6.30** Bobby's World (55771) **7.00** Sprou (66329) **7.30** *Dennis the Menace (72936)* **8.00** Batman (99936) **8.30** The Boss Master (49477) **9.00** Art Attack (21139) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (30329) **10.00** Gravedale High (46023) **10.30** Flash Gordon (10023) **11.00** *Creepy Crawlers (82619)* **11.30** The New Adventures of Gigantor (83348) **12.00** Gravedale High (49413) **12.30pm** The Boss Master (34145) **1.00** Batman (85400) **1.30** Eek the Cat (33416) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (3416) **2.30** Flash Gordon (7955) **3.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (8023) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (2400) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (4435) **4.30** Art Attack (6049) **5.00** Close

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6.00am Killer Tomatoes (92706) **6.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (21145) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (52503) **7.30** Rugrats (68110) **8.00** Doug (68232) **8.30** Country Mouse and City Mouse (65503) **9.00** CBBC (83955) **9.30** CBBC (21085) **10.00** Wimzie's House (49597) **10.30** Babar (99139) **11.00** Magic School Bus (37145) **11.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (38874) **12.00** Paddington Bear etc (76819) **12.30pm** Portland Bill etc (70333) **1.00** Dr Seuss (51874) **1.30** Little Bear Stories (20874) **2.00** Jim Henson's Animal Show (5232) **2.30** CBBC (7752) **3.00** CBBC (8139) **3.30** Aaahh! Real *Monsters/Doug (9597)* **4.00** *Hey Arnold!* (4232) **4.30** Rugrats (5936) **5.00** Sister Sister (3684) **5.30** Kenan and Kel (8868) **6.00** Sabrina the Teenage Witch (8481) **6.30** Kablam! (5981) **7.00** Close

TROUBLE

12.00pm Swan's Crossing (1275481) **12.30** Ready or Not (4087865) **1.00** Madison (6718752) **1.30** Sweet Valley High *(4086936)* ***2.00*** *Saved by the Bell (8421690)* **2.30** Swan's Crossing (9486787) **3.00** No Naked Flames (9344597) **3.30** Ready or Not (9451232) **4.00** Saved by the Bell (9304139) **4.30** USA High (9393023) **5.00** *Hangtime (8349042)* **5.30** Sweet Valley High (9480603) **6.00** Rush (4283597) **6.15** Teenage Urban Adventurers (4271752) **6.30** Madison (9305888) **7.00** Hangtime (9432706) **7.30** USA High (9394752)

BRAVO

8.00pm The A-Team (9640110) **9.00** Crime Story (9733874) **10.00** Tour of Duty (9736961) **11.00** **FILM: First Blood** (1982) (8262058) **1.00am** Crime Story (8727240) **2.00** Tour of Duty (3247849) **3.00** **FILM: First Blood** (1982) (9947004) **5.00** The A-Team (4155172)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Grace Under Fire (6348) **7.30** Roseanne (1145) **8.00** Ellen (9888) **8.30** Cybill (4503) **9.00** Cheers (44481) **9.30** Taxi (90787) **10.00** Frasier (77349) **10.30** Squakietalkie (80868) **11.00** In Bed with MeDinner II (850023) **11.25** Robin (743394) **11.30** Nightstand (38481) **12.00** Soap (10424) **12.30am** The Odd Couple (61675) **1.00** Entertainment UK (60191) **1.30** Taxi (76240) **2.00** Roseanne (1428288) **2.25** Robin (7778337) **2.30** In Bed with MeDinner II (17172) **3.00** Frasier (57627) **3.30** Squawkietalkie (68004) **4.00** Close

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Sightings (8264771) **9.00** Sightings (8357435) **10.00** Space Precinct (8254394) **11.00** Friday the 13th (4994905) **12.00** *Sightings (9847153)* ***1.00am*** *Twilight Zone* (1377849) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (7885269) **2.00** Dark Shadows (8702801) **2.30** New Hitchcock (8798608) **3.00** Friday the 13th (1842337) **4.00** Close

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am Simply Painting (1371619) **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (4089023) **10.00** The Great Gardening Plot (9793597) **10.30** New *Yankee Workshop* (1360503) **11.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (1423771) **11.30** Hometime (1424400) **12.00** Garden Doctors (1288555) **12.30pm** Two's Country (4090139) **1.00** Sweet Things (6721226) **1.30** Home Again (4082110) **2.00** Furniture on the Mend (9338936) **2.30** These Four Walls (9482961) **3.00** Two's Country (9340771) **3.30** This Old House (9494706)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Lonely Planet (1414023) **5.00** Connections 2 by James Burke (9425416) **5.30** Beyond 2000 (9493077) **6.00** Hunters (4171058) **7.00** Discovery News (9332752) **7.30** Disaster (9307226) **8.00** Untamed Amazonia (9853684) **9.00** Chasing the Midnight Sun (8746348) **10.00** Discovery Signature The Barefoot Bushman (9749435) **11.00** Wings (6804503) **12.00** Fightline (2786530) **12.30am** Justice Files (8048646) **1.00** Disaster (7281849) **1.30** Discovery News (6142240) **2.00** Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Bushbabies (4799771) **7.30** Voyager II (7389868) **8.00** Gorilla (7619226) **9.00** Ice Walk (7795690) **10.00** Africa (7705077) **11.00** Wild Life Adventures (6007481) **12.00** Australia's Remarkable Animals (4904646) **1.00am** Close

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Weapons at War (2872936) **5.00** The Great Ships (8483446) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (2102690) **7.00** Biography: Alexander Graham Bell (5004413) **8.00** Close

CHALLENGE TV

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5.00pm Cross Wits (1868) **5.30** Say the Word (1771) **6.00** Family Fortunes (8684) **6.30** Catchphrase (9936) **7.15** The $64,000 Question (710145) **8.00** Split Second (207313) **8.30** Move on Up (2787) **9.15** Winner Takes All (908868) **10.00** Treasure Hunt (29684) **11.15** Whittle (695972) **12.00** Say the Word (65988) **12.30am** Hart to Hart (27085) **1.30** The Big Valley (59004) **2.30** *Big Brother Jake (62646)* ***3.00*** *My Two Dads* (88511) **3.30** Where I Live (53996) **4.00** National Geographic Explorer (67511) **5.00** Shopping (1376153)

UK LIVING

6.00am Lucky Ladders (2554665) **6.35** Lingo (46656139) **7.00** Tiny Living (3639042) **9.00** I Dream of Jeannie (2382416) **9.30** Gordon Elliott (4992619) **10.10** Jerry Springer (4817503) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3979400) **11.50** Brookside (78583706) **12.20pm** Why Me? (41953329) **12.50** Rolonda (4076597) **1.40** Tempestt (9590597) **2.30** Cheap Chic (2234110) **3.00** Live at Three (21841771) **4.05** Jerry Springer (5030145) **5.00** Rolonda (4697085) **5.50** Lucky Ladders (2191923) **6.20** Ready, Steady, Cook (5429923) **7.00** Hearts Afire (4597597) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (2328503) **8.00** Adrenalin Junkies (1581684) **9.00** **FILM: Roe v Wade** (1989) (1584771) **11.00** Sex Life Down Under (3722706)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Film Deewane **8.00** Raahat **8.30** Out and About **9.00** **FILM** **11.30** Kurukshetra **12.00** Parampara **12.30pm** Raahat **1.00** **FILM** **4.00** ZEE Zone Presents **4.05** Ilke Pe Ikka **4.30** Hum Panch **5.00** Zone Time **5.25** It's My Show **6.00** The Mast Mast Show **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Your Zindagi **7.30** It's My Choice **8.00** News and Euronews **8.30** Sailaab **9.00** **FILM** **12.00** Close

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Treasury model supports a successful entry to EMU

By Janet Bush
Economics Editor

THE Treasury's own model of the economy suggests that Britain could successfully join the European single currency in 1999 as long as taxes are raised to prevent a boom in the housing market.

This is the conclusion of the Ernst & Young ITEM Club, the only private sector organisation with access to the Treasury's econometric model. The results of its simulation are likely to be of acute interest to Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, who is widely assumed to be pushing a pro-single currency agenda within the Government.

John Gaster, ITEM's chief economist, decided to run the model to analyse the implications of entry in 1999 and see whether the results supported widespread assumptions that the British economy would be "blown apart" by such a move.

He claims surprise at the relatively benign message which the exercise turned up.

ITEM decided to set an exchange rate at entry of DM2.85, roughly where the pound is currently trading. The model suggests that, as long as fairly robust action were taken to contain activity in the housing market, joining the single currency would not lead to the inflationary boom that many fear.

On entry, short-term interest rates would fall initially to 4.5 per cent — the average of European interest rates which is thought likely to prevail at the start of economic and monetary union.

To counter the threat of a consumer and housing market boom, ITEM proposes a cut in mortgage interest tax relief (Miras) from 10 per cent to zero in April 1999, and two successive 10 per cent increases in council tax, in 1999 and 2000. These measures would take £3 billion out of the economy.

ITEM argues that, as long as a targeted fiscal tightening of this kind were to be embraced, inflation would ease after entry into the single currency and that prices would fall by the end of 2001.

Mr Gaster said: "Seen through the eyes of the Treasury model, EMU entry in 1999 could well succeed at the cost of bearable and relatively short-term pain for consumers, house-owners and exporters." Higher taxes and a relatively firm exchange rate would help to slow economic growth down to 2 per cent from 3.5 per cent estimated for this year. ITEM noted that, by 2002, adjustment to membership of the euro would have occurred.

BAT insurance plotting merger deal with Zurich

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

BAT INDUSTRIES has announced merger talks with a huge Swiss insurance company to create one of the world's biggest players in financial services, with a value of £20 billion or more.

A deal would also bring closer BAT's long-awaited plans to demerge its insurance operations from cigarette manufacturing.

The company was refusing to comment further but confirmed talks with Zurich Insurance that would create a Zurich-based business with a stock market quotation in London and Switzerland. The Swiss company would have a majority stake of 55 per cent in the merged group, with BAT holding the rest. Rolf Hüppi, the Zurich chairman, would be chairman and chief executive, although Sandy Leitch, head of BAT's business, would have a job. But there are unlikely to be job losses because BAT's financial services businesses are run as separate entities, without a sizeable head office. "It's about growth rather than cost-cutting," said one insider.

The two companies have been in discussions for some time, but there was concern last night that a successful outcome could be prejudiced by the early disclosure. Apparent leaks to the weekend press forced a statement confirming discussions "which may or may not lead to a merger . . ."

BAT owns the Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar, the Farmers US operation and Threadneedle Asset Management. This summer Zurich bought Scudder, Stevens & Clark, the US fund manager, to add to its existing Kemper Corporation fund management arm and is known to be looking for other acquisitions.

A merger could be agreed in the next few weeks and would leave Martin Broughton, BAT's chief executive, to run the group's tobacco interests.

Last year BAT, which has made no secret of its wish to expand in financial services to achieve the necessary critical mass to compete on the world stage, abandoned talks with Commercial Union after a failure to agree the structure of any merged group. This problem appears to have been overcome in talks with the Swiss by putting the latter in the driving seat.

Zurich's market capitalisation is about £12 billion. As part of a conglomerate, BAT's financial services side is more difficult to value, but analysts estimate perhaps £10 billion.

The news is likely to be welcomed by the London market when trading opens this morning. BAT has been striving to demerge its two quite different businesses. Added impetus has come from moves towards settlement of various legal actions against tobacco makers in the US. In addition, possible UK government plans to scrap advance corporation tax would benefit a stand-alone tobacco business.

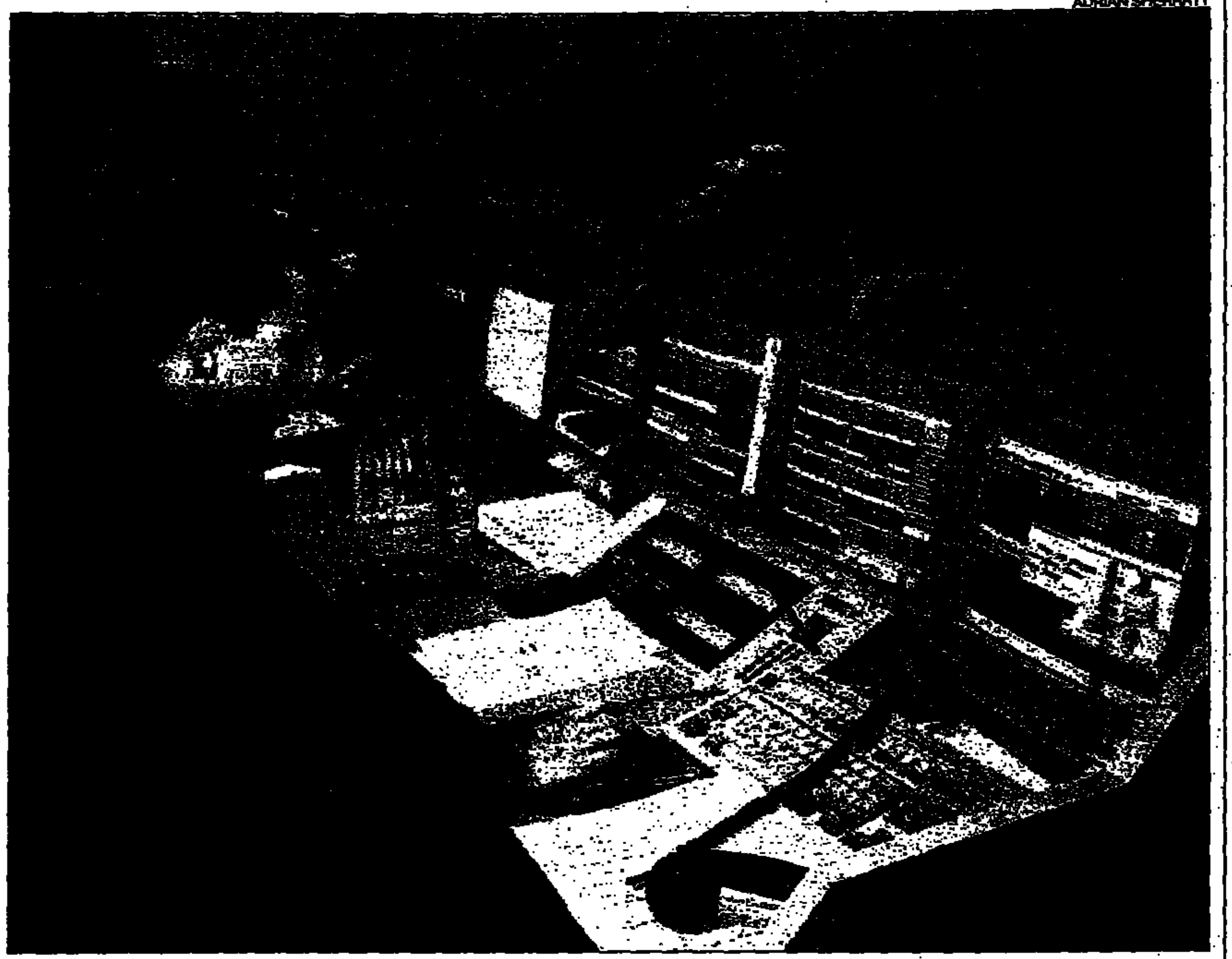
CSFB tipped for BZW

CREDIT Suisse First Boston was yesterday being tipped as a front runner to buy the BZW investment banking businesses put up for sale by Barclays (Adam Jones writes).

CSFB, located just a stone's throw from BZW's offices at Canary Wharf, London, said it would not comment on market speculation yesterday. However, some observers see it as the most credible potential bidder after other investment banks ruled themselves out.

Commerzbank, of Germany, an early favourite for the BZW equities and corporate finance operations, has said that it will not bid, as has ABN Amro, the Dutch bank. Paribas, of France, has admitted interest in the two BZW businesses.

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Employees of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson test the London Stock Exchange's new electronic trading service

Purves to retire at HSBC

By Adam Jones

HSBC HOLDINGS yesterday confirmed City speculation that Sir William Purves will retire as chairman next May, to be succeeded by John Bond, the current chief executive.

The City is expected to take the news of the departure of one of its most respected bankers in good heart today. His retirement on May 31 did not mean the bank would be deflected from its recent profitable path, analysts said.

There had been a rumour Sir William would announce his retirement at the start of next year. Sir William, 65, joined the group, which owns Midland Bank, in 1954. He became chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in 1986 and then HSBC Holdings in 1991.

As part of a reshuffle across the group, Keith Whitson, 54, chief executive of Midland Bank and an HSBC employee since 1961, will succeed Mr Bond as HSBC chief executive. Mr Bond, 56, has occupied the position since 1992.

One analyst suggested that the new management team would be a bit grey after the departure of Sir William, who won a DSO for bravery in Korea. But the analyst said Mr Bond and Mr Whitson had both done excellent jobs.

SEVERAL Stock Exchange member firms are to forbid staff from offering to deal "at best price" when electronic trading starts on October 20.

The brokers are worried they will be ripped-off by the "snake in the grass" ruse, where ruthless traders input absurd orders — say, to buy at 1p — to trap the unwary when liquidity in a stock is poor.

The Exchange said that Saturday's final rehearsal was a success. It added that the system had again proved robust in extreme testing.

William Rees-Mogg, page 20

Renewed offer for Smith to tackle debt fear

By Martin Waller

TIM WATERSTONE will this week renew his bid to take over his former employer, WH Smith, with a fresh offer that leaves his buyout vehicle with significantly less debt.

He and SBC Warburg, the merchant bank, are drawing up new proposals to be put to the WH Smith board after talks between his team and City institutions speaking for about half Smith's share capital.

No formal approach has yet been received by the retailer. Asked whether one would be considered, a spokesman last night said: "If Tim Waterstone puts a proposal to us which is interesting and new, then yes."

Mr Waterstone's new plan is expected to offer WH Smith shareholders about 150p in cash per share, plus matching equity to let them participate in the group's continuing performance. An earlier plan to offer £2 a share in cash was criticised for leaving the buyout too encumbered with debt.

Mr Waterstone, who created the bookshop chain bearing his name and then sold it to WH Smith, has also bowed to pressure to reduce the value of his Daisy & Tom children's clothing and toys retailer in his proposals. This would previously have been sold to the bidding vehicle for £35 million, but its price is likely to be cut to just £9 million, with deferred consideration of up to £30 million if certain targets are met.

Richard Handover, WH Smith's new chief executive, is to start his own charm offensive in the City this week. He will meet institutions for first time on Thursday and Friday.

Mr Waterstone proposes — if his bid is eventually launched and is successful — to sell various WH Smith assets, including its share in the Our Price music chain, and to concentrate on the core business. However, his plans may meet further opposition from the incumbent management, which may choose to do this itself rather than bring in an outside management vehicle.

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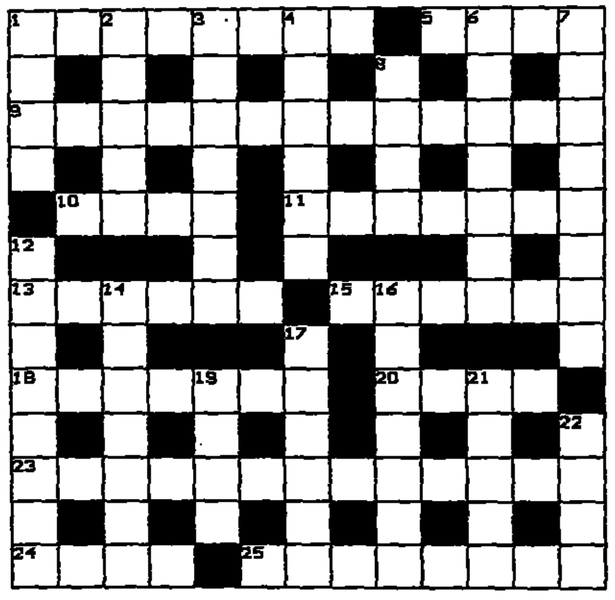

No 1223

ACROSS
1 Warren —; Battle of — (8)
5 Sword-handle: one may be backed to it (4)
9 Sausage/batter dish (4-2-3-4)
10 Crooked: propensity (4)
11 Laborious (7)
13 Inveigle (6)
15 Hurtle: progress through life (6)
18 Contrition (7)
20 Jack —, Kentish rebel (1450) (4)
23 Be unassuming (4,4,5)
24 Low (high tide) (4)
25 Ruler of the island (Tempest) (8)

DOWN
1 Loathe (4)
2 Satisfy: add water to (lime) (5)
3 Very stupid (7)
4 Cream cake (6)
6 Variant form of atom (7)
7 Finance ministry (8)
8 Germ; fix (competition draw) (4)
12 A rug: a soldier's helmet (8)
14 Fête lottery (7)
16 Receives; tolerates (7)
17 Fine applied surface (6)
19 Space: part of house (4)
21 Bird: Golden Hind commander (5)
22 Right to forbid (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1222
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Telecoms leads as options boost pay of US executives

From Oliver August in New York

THE American love affair with performance-related pay is going from strength to strength, in spite of some apparently outrageous abuses. The average chief executive of a publicly held US company was paid $2 million in share options last year, up by more than 50 per cent on the previous year.

A survey by KPMG, the accountant, shows that the average US chief executive's annual base salary of $600,000 is being more than quadrupled by incentive plans. The highest salaries are in the telecommunications sector.

Controversy over US corporate salaries has been rekindled by news last week that Occidental Petroleum is paying Ray Irani, its chairman, $95 million to rip up his contract, which was so generous that it was threatening the oil group's financial health.

Don Sagolla, the KPMG partner in its performance and compensation consulting practice, said: "The entertainment and telecommunications industries are especially focused on stock compensation, with the typical CEO receiving over $3 million in long-term incentives, mostly stock options. Boards of directors and shareholders want CEOs to think and act like owners."

In the KPMG sample of 146 US companies, the average chief executive would receive a quarter of his remuneration as base salary. Another quarter would come from annual incentives and 50 per cent or more would come from long-term incentive plans.

In companies that have outperformed markets and rivals, base salary amounts to only 15 per cent of the total and long-term incentives make up 60 per cent. In underperforming companies, base salaries account for 35 per cent of the package and long-term incentives less than 50 per cent.

Mr Sagolla said: "Information, communications and entertainment companies are dealing with mergers and acquisitions, IPOs [initial public offerings], new regulations and more. Although there is unpredictability, the opportunities for rewards are tremendous — both for the chief executive and the shareholders."

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Federal 'set to make bid for T&N'

Federal-Mogul, the American engineer, is thought to be readying a £1.4 billion takeover bid for T&N, the British car components group and the subject of takeover speculation on the London market.

The terms are still being decided, but the Americans are hoping to arrange an agreed deal with Sir Colin Hope, T&N's chairman, and other directors as early as this week. The new offer is expected to be pitched at about 260p to 270p a share, against the 235p Federal-Mogul has already indicated it would pay. It is hoped that this will be enough to deter other bidders and secure the approval of the T&N board.

Bovis float

P&O, the transport and shipping group, will this week start the task of selling Bovis, its housebuilding business, to the stock market in preparation for a flotation next month. The company is expected to announce the timetable for the float, which will see Bovis shares trading for the first time at the start of December, and the appointment of a stockbroker. Analysts think the business is worth about £250 million. Hambros Bank has been appointed adviser to the issue. The float is by means of a placing with City institutions.

Winning name

A 68-year-old customer from Northern Ireland has come up with Arcadia as the new umbrella name for the corporate owner of Burton's multiple retailing businesses, including the men's wear shops, Dorothy Perkins and Principles, after the proposed demerger of the Debenhams department stores. Alan Gregson, a former chief brewer, emerged as winner in the competition to find a new name organised by the group. His reward is a two-week holiday in St Lucia.

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